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The paper suggests that the Government might abandon the present Price Commission to introduce a more selective approach by giving new powers to an independent agency that would examine prices accord-

ing to other criteria. "This would be an advance it gave the new agency or the prices secretary special powers to freeze profits and make investigations in cases where excessive profits were being earned even though prices were constant." That issue is being taken up between the TUC and Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

But the key point states: The general council advise the Chancellor to break down his measures of tax relief. He should reduce income tax by £1,700m for 1977-78."

On pensions, the TUC expects the Government to announce an early increase— "and since the National Insurance Fund is substantially in surplus no extra contributions should be required to meet this expenditure. The TUC suggests an early increase in pensions of £4 a week for matried couples and £2.50 for a single

In further recommendations,

the TUC proposes £1,000m a year for the operation of the National Enterprise Board. The paper estimates that investment by the Government in manpower, taxation and social policy measures will cost about £2,000m in 1977-78. But the effect on the public sectorborrowing requirement would be less in the short run.

"In framing these Budget while recogniz-is a danger of ere conscious that they are urging an expansion to the public sector borrowing requirement and that this may conflict with ould be most the letter of intent (to the o increase the International Monetary Fund). "On the other hand two

points have to be borne in mind. t adds: "The First, the actual outturn for the public service borrowing requirement this year is likely to be substantially less than originally thought—at least of the order of f1 billion. "It would therefore be pos-

sible to increase expenditure or reduce taxation by this amount without going outside the strict terms of the letter of intent."



steward: Mr Kenneth "Nobby' Clarke, the air steward who served the Queen 25 years ago when she flew home from Kenya after the death of King George VI, is to look after her again when she leaves Heathrow tonight with the Duke of

Edinburgh for Pago Pago, in Eastern Samoa. With Mr Clarke in the photograph are the three British Airways stewardesses on the flight (left to right): Mrs Mary Diana Mindel, Miss Suzanne Dart and Miss Catherine Conroy. Report, page 8.

President Carter speaks his mind on human rights in Soviet Union

From Fred Emery Washington, Feb 8

· President Carter disclosed today that he had told Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, he would continue speaking out "strongly and forcefully" on threats he saw to human rights in the Soviet Union, as anywhere else, rejecting the concept that such public expostula-tion might jeopardize détente and agreements on such matlimiting nuclear weapons.

In his first televised news conference. Mr Carter said he regretted very deeply the "in-carceration" of Mr Alexander Ginsburg, the Soviet dissident, and renewed his offer to conclude "a quick agreement " on nuclear weapons with the Soviet Union.

By implication he countermanded Mr Vance, his Secretary of State, in saying the agree-ment could omit until later the controversial Soviet "Backfire

superpowers were sincere in try-ing to lessen their dependence

on nuclear weapons. Mr Carter went out of his way not to chastise the Soviet Union. He did not interpret recent complaints, or the reciprocal expulsions of journalists, as a challenge. "I do not think it is designed to aggravate me, or to test me, or to test the will of the country", he said. He wanted the American people not to be misled into

thinking there were magic answers. "I cannot go in with armed forces to try to change the internal mechanisms of the Soviet Government." He detected progress, however, in the Soviet Union. The

number of Soviet Jewish emi-grants had increased in the past On the question of the nu-

bomber", and the American
"cruise" missiles.

Mr Carter said he thought it
important to demonstrate to the
rest of the world that both or we could destroy a major part of the other nation if a major attack was made, with losses in the neighbourhood of 50 to 100 million people . . . a threat of this kind of holocaust is what makes it important that

we do keep an adequate deter-ent capability", he said. The main emphasis, however, was on disarmament. "The overall balance of mutual restraint, cutting down on overall dependence on nuclear weapons is what counts", he

With Soviet-American success in stemming the growth of weapons, the two superpowers could then go to the Chinese, French and British and say "Will you join us?", he added.

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From David Cross

Luxembourg, Feb 8

The overriding need to combat inflation in the European Community m: 'e it virtually inevitable that farm price rises would have to be kept to a minimum in the spring, Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the European Commission said today.

"Consumers rightly insist that our policies for agriculture must be consistent with our other economic objectives", he said. "I have no doubt that the Public sector challenge, page 2 prudent course will be one of Moves against pay curbs, page 4 price moderation."

Mr Jenkins, who was present-ing the Commission's annual state of the Community mes-sage to members of the European Parliament, was predictably pragmatic in his assessment for the future.

Equally predictably, his 54minute statement concentrated mainly on the urgent need for the Community to increase its internal strength and coher-

On the economic front, the Community faced three "formidable and interlocking" obstacles: the stubborn persistence of high unemployment,

high rates of inflation and the widening gap between the economic performances and real standards of living of the Nine. The road to greater economic integration must be pursued through the further development of the existing system of

national policy coordination and by selective intervention of Community resources like the regional and social funds. But the scale and type of resources available from the various funds were insufficient in themselves to tackle fully the problem of economic divergence.

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'Frankenstein' project given go-ahead in US

From Peter Strafford New York, Feb 8

The scientists at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology won a victory in Cambridge, Massachusetts, last night when the city council rored unanimously to allow them to carry out advanced genetic experiments in the field of what is termed recombinant

Quoting Botswana court officials in Francistown, the corporation said the three men,

The men's wives have asked the International Red Cross for office said today.

A Botswana court today jailed appeal is being investigated, the the research might lead.

a three-man Rhodesian telecorporation said.—Reuter.

Opponents said today Mayor of Cambridge, has talked of some sort of Prankenstein merging from the laboratories. Other opponents talk of a pathogenic agent which would cause disease, or else argue that scientists have no right to embark on experi-ments which could lead to "an

others expressed fears of where tce is to be set up to keep watch on the research. today that

Sir Harold denies Haines story of Conservative MP offering to sell secrets in exchange for peerage

Lurid allegations of domestic strife in Sir Harold Wilson's "kitchen Cabinet" during his years as Prime Minister continued to emerge yesterday and Sir Harold promptly denied vigorously the contention by Mr Joe Haines, his former press secretary, that a Conservative MP offered to exchange party secrets for a peerage.

In the Daily Mirror's serialization of his forthcoming book, The Politics of Power, Mr Haines depicted incidents in which Lady Falkender, the former Prime Minister's personal and private secretary, allegedly threw a tantrum at Sir Harold during a Labour Party conference, and in which Mr Gerald Kauiman, MP, now Minister of State for Industry, threw a glass of whisky at Mr. Haines.

A further acrimonious scene was described by Mr George Caunt, Sir Harold's former tours manager. Mr Caunt said that he once had to fling Lady Falkender across a room in rder to subdue ber. Mr Haines's allegation that

pproaches were made to the Prime Minister in 1969 on be-half of Captain Henry Kerby, the late Conservative MP for Arundel and Shorebam, to

secure a peerage or knighthood in exchange for party secrets was rebutted by Sir Harold. He said: "I knew nothing about the suggestion that he (Captain Kerby) was going to hand 'election secrets' to Joe Haines or anyone else. I cannot imagine what use they would be."

Sir Harold continued: "The strategy of the Toyr 1970 cap-

strategy of the Tory 1970 campaign was clear long before, and it worked. In any case it would seem to me highly un-likely that Captzin Kerby would ever have been in possession of secret information about his

secret information about his party's plans."

Mr Haines might have confused the incident, Sir Harold suggested, with an occasion in 1965 when Captain Kerby sought the appointment of Deputy Speaker, or with the MPs' anger that a journalist was trying to discredit Lord Chalfont, then Minister of State at the Foreign Office, "These are the only two incidents that, so far as my knowledge goes, could have led Joe Haines to make the allegations, and they are not in any way discreditable to Captain Kerby."

The late MP's widow, Mrs Enid Kerby, dismissed as "preposterous" the suggestion that her husband would betray the

her husband would betray the Conservative Party in return for a Labour peerage.

Mr Haines says of Lady Falkender that an incident at the Labour Party conference at Brighton in 1969 was his "first small glimpse of her destructive power". During a discussion about a speech to be made by Sir Harold she "began to rage" about the amount of pipe smoke generated by the Prime Minis-ter, Mr Wedgwood Benn and others. "Everything was wrong, the speech in general and the Prime Minister in particular", he says. She then withdrew and returned home.

Mr Haines maintains that that pattern of behaviour by Lady Falkender was often repeated more violently and regularly produced "an emotional scene, a tirade, just before the Prime Minister faced a major speech or international conference"

Mr Haines describes another gathering in the Prime Minisgathering in the Frime Minis-ter's study in 1970 when Lady Falkender and Mr Kaufman were present. After some provo-cation "Gerald flicked his empty whisky glass in my direction, a gesture similar to the upward-thrusting V-signal. Within seconds Marcia had effectively recoved the Prime effectively removed the Prime Minister from the room and had begun removing the whisky

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Vaccinations | Callaghan 'own goal' decline 'may lead to epidemic' Political Correspondent

Britain might face a serious phooping cough epidemic unless the dramatic decline in vaccination against the disease was reversed, Professor Sir Charles Stuart-Harris, the Government's senior adviser on immunization, said last night.

Sir Charles said the disease caused brain damage in one case in a thousand. It ran in four-yearly cycles, of which last year had been a low year.

Unless the use or vac-creased rapidly "a large majority of the children born in 1977 will be subject to in-during the next Unless the use of vaccine in-reased rapidly "a large epidemic year".

Babies were most susceptible to the disease in the first six months of life.

If the new wave of the disease was similar to the last peak there would be 20,000 to 30,000 cases.

Earlier Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for the Social Services, told the House of Commons that compensation for children who had suffered brain damage after vaccination could not be considered in isolation. The Gov-ernment must wait for the Royal Commission on Civil Liabilities to report later this

Mr Ennals said he was determined to ensure that the risks of damage were reduced to the information on the indications when vaccination was dangerous would be sent to all doctors and nurses, and a new leaflet on vaccination would be prepared for parents.

He said there had been an alarming drop of between 25 alarming drop of between 25 It would have reduced the not been for the votes of and 30 per cent in the number call on the redundancy fund by Liberals the Government of vaccinations for diphtheria, about £18m in Britain and not have been defeated. poliomyelitis and tetanus over over the past three years. Whooping cough vaccinations had dropped by nearly 60 per cent. Mr Ennal's appealed to parents not to turn their backs on vaccination and said the gains greatly outweighed the

Our Health Services Corres pondent writes: After Mr Ennals's Commons statement and a press briefing later, Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MPP for Stoke on Trent, South, who has been campaigning for brain-damaged children, said nothing had been done to help them. They are estimated to number three hundred

He welcomed the move to give doctors and nurses the most recent information. But he added: "In view of the very clear conflict in the medical profession about the vaccine and the deep public auxiety, I think that he has to have an independent inquiry." indep**e**ndent inquiry.'

The minister had a clear responsibility to provide compensation. There was no reason to awair the report of the royal Parliamentary report, page

Letters: On the Bullock Report, from Mr John F. Phillips and Mr Michael Ivens; on Sir Earold's Honours List, from Mr S. C. Leslie and Mr David Bert

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complicates timetable

The Prime Minister found himself accused yesterday of being responsible for the defeat of the Government on Monday night by 130 votes to 129 on the Reduction of Redundancy Rebates Bill, which seeks to place a heavier burden on employers for redundancy pay-ments. He agreed that he was absent, but said he had thought he was paired.

According to the Conservative whips, three or four ministers must have been under the same mistaken impression. The defeat of the Bill adds an unexpected complication to the Government's already muddled parliamentary timetable.

The same Bill cannot be re-introduced during the present session, so the parliamentary draftsmen must be set to work to produce a Reduction of Re-dundancy Rebates (No 2) Bill, worded differently but achieving the same revision of the redundancy payments scheme.

After the recent dismissal of severe warnings about discip-linary action against other secretaries who may kick over the traces, the Prime Minister came under severe criticism yesterday from the Labour stalwarts who remain at the House late night after night to defend the Government.

One of the ministers who, one of the ministers who, according to the Conservative whips, failed to vote although not officially paired, was Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was, of course, directly concerned with the effect of the Bill.

£250,000 in Northern Ireland in the next financial year.

Mr Healey's office, however. said he had been paired. said he had been paired.

Opposition and Labour MPs were under a relaxed two-line whip, and because so few MPs voted it is difficult to check from the division lists who abstained deliberately and who was paired. Only the disclosure of the whips' confidential lists of pairs would enable a full check to be made.

In the Commons Mr Robin

In the Commons, Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Conservative MP for Tiverton, had a supporting chorus of opposition cheers when he asked Mr Callaghan:
"Will you tell us why you secured the defeat of your own Government by not voting last night?"

Mr Callaghan replied: understood last night that I was paired. But the lesson for all of us, in view of some of the difficulties about pairing sick members yesterday, is that if the Opposition is setting a trap perhaps we had better be a little more careful in future.'

The Conservatives denied aying any ambush. Indeed, laying any ambush, five parliamentary private sec- laying any ambush. Indeed retaries for defiance of the their whips seem to have been whips, and Mr Callaghan's as lenient as the government severe warnings about discip- whips in allowing MPs to drift

away.
The total of Labour MPs, ministers and backbenchers officially not paired with the Conservatives was 32. They included Sir Harold Wilson. The Liberals were not out in

full strength, but Mr Alan Beith, their chief whip, com-plained to Mr Barney Hayhoe, an opposition spokesman on em-ployment, for saying that "the Liberals were not with us on the vote" when the Government was defeated. Mr Beith said that was untrue; if it had not been for the votes of three Liberals the Government would

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Mr Michael who works in partment of 1 New York. ara, aged 38, ı were identi-3d 18; Gary,

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Second mission attacked and girls' school closed

today that nationalist guerrillas
had attacked another mission,
setting buildings on fire. Church
officials said a guerrilla bomb
threat had also forced a mission
school for 300 girls in another
part of Rhodesia to close.

No casualties were reported in the attack on Nyashanu mis-sion in south-east Rhodesia where, a statement said, guer-rillas took £4,000 in cash and set fire to an office and workshop yesterday.

The school closed after a bomb threat at Bonda, only 18 miles from the Mozambique

a spokesman for the Anglican diocesan African education office said today.

Salisbury, Feb 8.—Security vision team for six months for forces hunting the killers of illegal entry and illegal posseven white missionaries said session of a firearm, the

cover attempts by black Rhodesian parents to persuade 400 children to return home rather than enlist with the

two white and one black were not given the choice of a fine frontier. "I understand that a when they appeared in court. letter was received over the weekend in which terrorists can be francistown central threatened to bomb the school",

DNA research.
This means that molecules of

the genetic material DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) from different species are combined and transplanted into living cells. Traits and capabilities of one species, such as humans, could be transferred to other forms of life, such as bacteria. The decision came after months of controversy and public hearings, in which scienand tists, environmentalists

they intended to carry on the battle to prevent the research in Cambridge and elsewhere in the United States. They say it might lead to the creation of some new organism which humans would have difficulty in controlling or resisting. Mr Alfred Vellucci, the

absolute biological catastro-

A board appointed by the city council recommended approval of the research, provided there were regulations to control it, and this has now been adopted by the council. A Cambridge Bio-hazards Commit-

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plants. It was the second court victory for employers but with industrial unrest spreading, a bitter battle still seems in prospect Page 7

back to work

Bug cuts phone bill Bradford City Council was told that its telephone bill had dropped by a fifth after it had started monitoring calls, many of them private, made by its staff Page 4

A judge in Utrecht last night ordered Dutch strikers back to work

at a number of meat processing

Dilemma for Israel Israel has before it the choice of reaching accommodation with Damascus over the advance of Syrian troops in Lebanon to within a few miles of the Israel frontier or of preparing

Judge orders strikers Japan offers Europe ships concession

Japan has offered to increase the price of ships for emott to help end the deadlock with Europe over the crisis in world shipbuilding. It proposed restricting exports to European countries whose shipbuilding industries are in difficulty

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Aid for homeless

Homeless people, including battered wives and cypsies, will have a right to a permanent home under the terms of a Bill published with all-party back-ing. Local housing authorities will be obliged to provide accommodation for homeless people in priority groups Page 5

Moderates' leader Labour moderates are looking to Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, as their leader against the Left. It emerged last night that he is to take the chair at a conference to rally support for the Government Page 4

Race: Plans for the staffing and structure of the new Commission for Recial Equality are criticized RAF's new plane: The RAF's next fighter-bomber is to be a single-seater huilt jointly by Britain and West

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Britain gives pledge never again to use deprivation techniques

From Christopher Walker

Strasbourg
The British Government yesterday gave a public and un-qualified pledge before 18 international judges in the European Court of Human Rights that the security forces would never again employ five specified sensory deprivation techniques, including hooding and white noise, as aids to

Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, making the undertaking, expressed the hope that it would help to end prolonged and damaging dispute between the Irish and British governments over alle-

"Prolonged international litigation," he told the judges, even before this court, may impair rather than improve the protections of human rights, especially within a situation as complex, volatile and dan-gerous as that in Northern Ire-

The unexpected British move came at the conclusion of a forceful introductory speech by Mr Silkin aimed at putting the widely publicized torture allegations against soldiers and policemen into perspective against the continuing wave of terrorist violence both in Ulster and on the English main-

Mr Silkin's gesture appeared to take the Irish Government's 11 delegates by surprise. But there were no immediat indications, in or outside the court room, that it will persuade them to withdraw their case against Britain or drop attempts to secure the prosecution of individual soldiers and policemen involved in the alle-

Only a few minutes before Mr Silkin got to his feet Mr Declan Costello, his Irish counterpart, disclosed for the first time his intention to persuade the court to issue an order forcing Britain to institute what he described as "appro-priate proceedings" against members of the security forces. It was a tactic forecast in The Times earlier this week. and one the British Government is determined to resist in its detailed arguments to the

Before making his declara-tion about the techniques, hooding, wall-standing, white noise, food, water and sleep deprivation, Mr Silkin main-tained his belief that the court could hold it as legally binding. "We dare to hope also that in doing so we shall enable the applicant government Ireland] to agree that there is no longer any adequate reason for them to pursue a course as th which, as I have said, can only made

cries out for the fullest co-operation between us", he said.

"In those circumstances I am authorized to give, in relation to the five techniques, the following unqualified undertaking, and I measure my words with care:

"'The Government of the United Kingdom have considered the question of the use of the five techniques with very great care, and with particular regard to article 3 of the convention. They now give this unqualified undertaking that the five techniques will not in any circumstances be reintroduced as an aid to interrogation."

He outlined in detail other measures taken by the British since the techniques were used more than five years ago in the aftermath of internment. They included substantial compensation to the victims and the passing of measures to promote and protect human rights

in Northern Ireland. Earlier he made one of the most spirited defences of the Government's policy in Ulster heard during the five years which the present case has dragged on through the cumbersome European human rights machinery. He spent some time outlining the extent of the violence there and the severe difficulties it has posed

for British democracy.

"It has been a situation of violence of extraordinary dimensions", he said. "Statistics alone cannot adequately describe the extent of the human misery which has been inflicted upon the people of

Northern Ireland; but the statistics are horrifying enough.

"Thus the present outbreak of violence has caused about 1,700 deaths and 18,000 personal injuries; about 5,000 bombs have been exploded and there have been nearly 25,000 shooting incidents. These shooting incidents. These figures are steadily rising. Compensation paid from public funds has amounted to over £177m for damage to property and over £25m for injuries to

Against that background Mr Silkin emphasized that the five techniques had been used only twice; on 12 men in August, 1971, and on two more in each case for about six days.
"We do not dispute that they were wrong", he said. "We only ask that they are

kept in proportion." There will be no immediate indication whether the Strasbourg court will accept the British arguments. Under its procedure the judges do not make remarks or ask questions

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Even when the Cabinet papers are released in the 1990s, historians will be little the wiser

Assessing Lady Falkender's influence during the Wilson years

raikender's place as the grand dame of postwar British poli-tics. The steel of Mrs Thatcher and the charm of Mrs Williams have been eclipsed, in terms of public interest, by the fascination of a 44-year-old

woman who has never held

elected office. A very private person, Lady Falkender has acquired a lurid public image, part Marie-Antoinette, part Lady Brack-nell. Gossip about the mighty has a perpetual appeal, and stories of the threats and the tentrums have been relayed. tantrums have been relayed and received with relish. But there is a more serious side to

She has always been

the drama.

She has always been a woman of strong views. Her latest preoccupation, for example, is said to be the danger of KGB penetration of British public life through Trotskyists in the Labour Party and security risks in the public service. How much influence has she wielded on public policy since moving into Downing Street as Sir Harold Wilson's personal and private secretary in 1964? One thing is certain: the volatility of her personality has deprived Sir Harold of nervous energy he could ill afford to spare as he presided over a period of unprecedented economic decline and political un-certainty in Britain. No Prime Minister should ever have to leave a Cabinet meeting to placate an irate personal secre-tary inflamed by a personal

Lady Falkender, both her friends and critics say, is a shrewd, able woman whose done, the revelations of Mr Joe Haines in the Daily Mirror this week have secured Lady Falkender's place. behaviour and hysteria. But the celebrated incidents, to which Mr Haines has added so lavishly, and the amateur psy-chology about her relationship

with Sir Harold ("He could not survive without a mother figure. He needs her praise and approval ") make it almost draw up a balance sheet of her role. Some speak of her private allure, her wit and her in-comparable Jacobin English conscience. Private vivacity

and public reserve explain, in part, her failure to speak in the Lords since Sir Harold's controversial award of a peerage in 1974. Her undoubted influence on Harold's resignation honours list—the latest eye of the storm—led, in fact, to some highly meritorious people being considered, like Professor J. H. Plumb, the eminent Cambridge historian, and Mrs Anne Crossman, widow of Richard, who refused to become a DRE.

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Her policy advice to Sir

Harold, very prominent in his

first ministries, much

diminished in his last, on devaluation (which she favoured in 1966), British involvement in Vietnam and direct negotia-tions with Mr Ian Smith (which she opposed) may or may not have been correct, but it was clear and well argued. A convinced meritocrat, she would talk the indulgent Sir Harold out of appointing



Lady Falkender behind Sir Harold at a Variety Club of Great Britain luncheon in 1975.

nonentities as junior ministers and extinct volcanoes to royal commissions. She has always maintained that her influence on policy was minimal, that was a mere sounding board for the Prime Minister to bounce ideas off, but that she had sharp instincts about people which were useful to him.

Critics do not deny sharpness, but say loyalty rated more highly than ability. Some say her personal suspi-

cions isolated Sir Harold from both the Labour Party and Whitehall machines to the disadvantage er all. She set herself up as the guardian of his

political conscience.
What led Lady Falkender to jeopardize her very real contribution to political life and lose all chance of the public respectability she craves? Good old English class resentment will not suffice as an expla-nation. She is devoted to rogalty, as they have always new policy unit, under Dr Ber- way to run a country.

treated her with exquisite nard Donoghue and F courtesy. Civil servants she has secretary, Mr Haines. despised since 1964, as they treated her as a typist rather

than an adviser.

The ironic, elegant Sir Derek
Mitchell, now head of overseas

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The ironic, elegant Sir Derek

Whitehall grapevine, and ironic performance finance in the Treasury, tried 1960s and waited to reach a modus vivendi with her when principal private secretary at number 10 in hall generally content 1964. The Rubicon was crossed with ironic remarks a when he told her she could travel to Washington on the Marcia's bar-miravah of Prime Minister's first foreign As with all persons. trip only if she went as Mrs Wilson's maid, otherwise she would have to pay her own slaught badly. In addition the slaught disc and the disc. Civil Service was ever forgiven for the slight.

When Sir Derek left number 10 in 1966, she was instrumental in persuading the Prime Minister to replace him with Mr Michael Halls, a private secretary from his Board of Trade days in the Jate 1940s, rather than one of the Treasury fliers proposed by the Whitehall machine. After Halls's death in 1970 (from a heart attack brought on by stress and overwork in number 10, his widow maintained) she ensured that Mr Alex Isserlis, whom she knew socially, was will be the effect to succeed, even though his fractious relationship Service superiors structed him not to take the

Her return to Downing Street in February, 1974, was greeted with resigned horror by the Civil Service. But, like her master, they found her much changed since 1970. She appeared in Number 10 less frequently and for shorter periods. The policy advice came more from Sir Harold's

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rich friends on "Ha which, friends say, has her on and off for two years, she has he

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ing the Wilson years

Peace People drop official over attack on leaders

From Martin Huckerby

ment became apparent yesterday when Mr Tom Conaty, a leader of the movement in the Roman Catholic Andersonstown and Falls Road areas of Belfast. was told that he was no longer a member of the organization because of criticism of the

The trouble occurred after the Andersonstown and Falls groups in the movement put out a statement opposing the criticism of church leaders by the leaders of the Peace People. Mr Conaty would not comment last night on what had happened, but said he would continue to work for peace, within movement or outside it.

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Mr Ciaran McKeown, one of A possible split in the Northern Ireland peace movement became apparant and the criticism of febures leading to the Peace People agreed yesterday that many people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the peace People agreed yesterday that many people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the Peace People agreed yesterday that many people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the Peace People agreed yesterday that many people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the peace People agreed yesterday that many people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the peace People agreed yesterday that many people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people agreed yesterday that many people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the criticism of febures leading to the people had been disturbed by the people had been distu Roman Catholic and Protestant churches had failed to give a clear moral lead on the question of violence.

However, Mr McKeown did not believe that Mr Conaty represented very many people At Belfast Magistrates' Court yesterday, Raymond Pius an unemployed McCartney, an unemployed clerk, aged 22, of Orchard Row, Londonderry, was remanded in custody o na charge of mur-dering Mr Jeffrey Agate, the Dupont executive killed in Londonderry on February 2.

Mr McCartney was also charged with murdering Det Constable Patrick McNuity in the city on January 27.

object to poll question

By Our Political Reporter

Further trouble over devolution was heaped on the Government last night when it became known that 19 prospective Labour Party candidates in Scotland have raised strong objections over the referendum

The list of names has been collected by Mr Norman Buchan, Labour MP for Reafrewshire, West. The prospective candidates have expressed astonishment at the Govern-ment's decision not to include a question on independence in the proposed referendum.

They argue that without an independence question nothing will be resolved and the situation might be exacerbated.

The prospective candidates have started a campaign urging Government and MPs to include independence in the referendum. Those behind the

While the campaign itself will have no direct bearing on the vote in the Commons when the Government decides to introduce the guillotine on the Scotland and Wales Bill, it none the less indicates the pentup feelings on the bill in Scotland

Government business managers last night were still not confident that they could push the guillotine through the Commons despite offering the anti-devolutionists a debate on the referendum tomorrow.

While some of the anti-devo-lutionists are known to be wavering, calculations last night showed that about 35 of them would either vote against or abstain on a guillotine motion: enough to make the Govern-ment have second thoughts on its introduction.

Those who are thought still to have strong views on the

Today

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

BR continues to woo students

Half-rate rail travel for students will continue despite the collapse of the NUS Travel Service. British Rail confirmed yesterday that holders of a BR student travel railcard can still buy half-rate tickets. Students wanting a new card should apply direct to British Rail.

The card, which is held by 150,000 students, costs E6.50 and entitles the holder to second-class rail travel at half the ordinary fare. Reduced rates on Sealink ships to the Channel Islands and Ireland are also available.

Siege trial ending Mr Justice Cantley began his summing-up in the Balcombe Street siege trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday and will continue it when the court reassembles this morning.

Labour men More tales out of Downing Stre

Continued from page 1

from my coat. I still left num-ber 10 smelling like a distillery

Mr Kaufman declined to com-ment on the incident yesterday. A violent disturbance in Sir Haroid's entourage, precipitated by Lady Falkender's conduct, was alleged yesterday by Mr George Caunt, an aide to the former Prime Minister for 14 rears. During the party's stay ar a Liverpool hotel in 1966. Mr Caunt ordered dinner in an upstairs suite. "Harold was busy looking through some papers or speeches when Marcia suddenly blew up into a right

old rage", he said. Lady Falkender apparently insisted on eating downstairs. She started raving and screaming at me, saying: 'We are not eating up here.' My arrange-

ments seemed to suit Harold, who kept his head down and did not join in the row. "Marcia was in full flow, in

a foul and furious mood. So I just walked up to her, put my arms around her waist, picked her up and flung her across the room on to a sofa. "I told her to shut up, and

that is exactly what she did. She looked daggers at me afterwards, and for about a week she was awkward. While Mr Callaghan, the

Prime Minister, remained aloof from the affair yesterday, other MPs expressed concern at the amount of mud-slinging emerging from a former Administration. Mr Neville Trotter, Conservative MP for Tynemouth, submitted a Commons question asking the Prime Minister whether Lady Falken-

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Mr Dennis Skinner MP for Bolsover, sai affair: "If it br honours list into repute, as it should, the have been a revelation Mr Robert Mellish Labour Chief Mr Haines's alleg trivial, and advised

Without the question, they believe, whichever way the decision goes will be hailed as a victory for the separatist forces. Further nov_restraint next further pay-restraint pact

restraint at a critically timed one-day conference in London shortly before the Chancellor's

National and Local Government Officers Associaton (Nalgo), whose tough attitude over public-spending curbs in-dicates the intensity of feeling among local government and Whitehall workers, decided yesterday to support the con-

ference.
It will comprise 25 representatives from eight public-sector unions and will discuss the sensitive issue of the "social wage", which embraces public-spending

By Our Labour Staff

Public-sector unions are set to make a serious challenge to the prospects of another

The conference, to be held in Central Hall, Westminster, on March 22, is seen as a prefude to a special TUC congress traint. Mr Geoffrehh Drain. Nalgo general secretary, who is shortly before the Chancellor's a leading member of the TUC rext Budget.

The traditionally moderate porting the retall of the TUC.

Nalgo has called a special meeting of its emergency committee next week to work out details of a national overtime ban from April 1. There is a possibility that with wages already seriously curbed some members will not support the call.

The ban is expected seriously to affect Hereford and Worcester, where the union says there has been a lot of over-time. Members in Humberside, have earlier been advised to ban overtime.

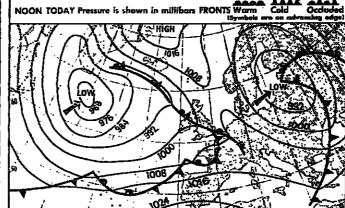
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phasing out the count smallest schools in nearly 3,500 remain organizations have yesterday's announce

Weather forecast and recordings



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Moon sets: Moon rises: 9.30 am 12.3 am Last quarter : Feb 11. Lighting up : 5.33 pm to 6.54 am Lighting up: 5.33 pm to 6.54 am High Water: London Bridge, 4.52 am, 7.4m (24.1ft): 5.22 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft). Avonmouth, 10.28 am, 13.0m (42.5ft): 10.49 pm, 12.3m (40.5ft). Dover, 2.2 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 2.29 pm, 6.4m (21.2ft). Hull, 9.31 am, 6.9m (22.7ft): 9.39 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft). Liverpool, 2.20 am, 9.0m (29.7ft); 2.34 pm, 9.2m (30.1ft).

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rain, perhaps heavier in evening; wind SE light, max temp 10°C to 11°C (50° to 52°F).

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East Anglia, E. NE England: Early mist, mainly dry and bright at first, cloudy, occasional light rain later; wind SE light; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Freezing fog patches clearing, becoming cloudy, rain at times later; wind SE light; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland: Mainly dry and bright, cloudy with rain in evening; wind SE light; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly dry and bright, after early frost and mist; wind SE light becoming moderate; max temp 5°C (41°F). London, Midlands, N. Wales, central N, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland : Mostly cloudy, occasional light

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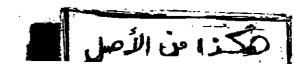
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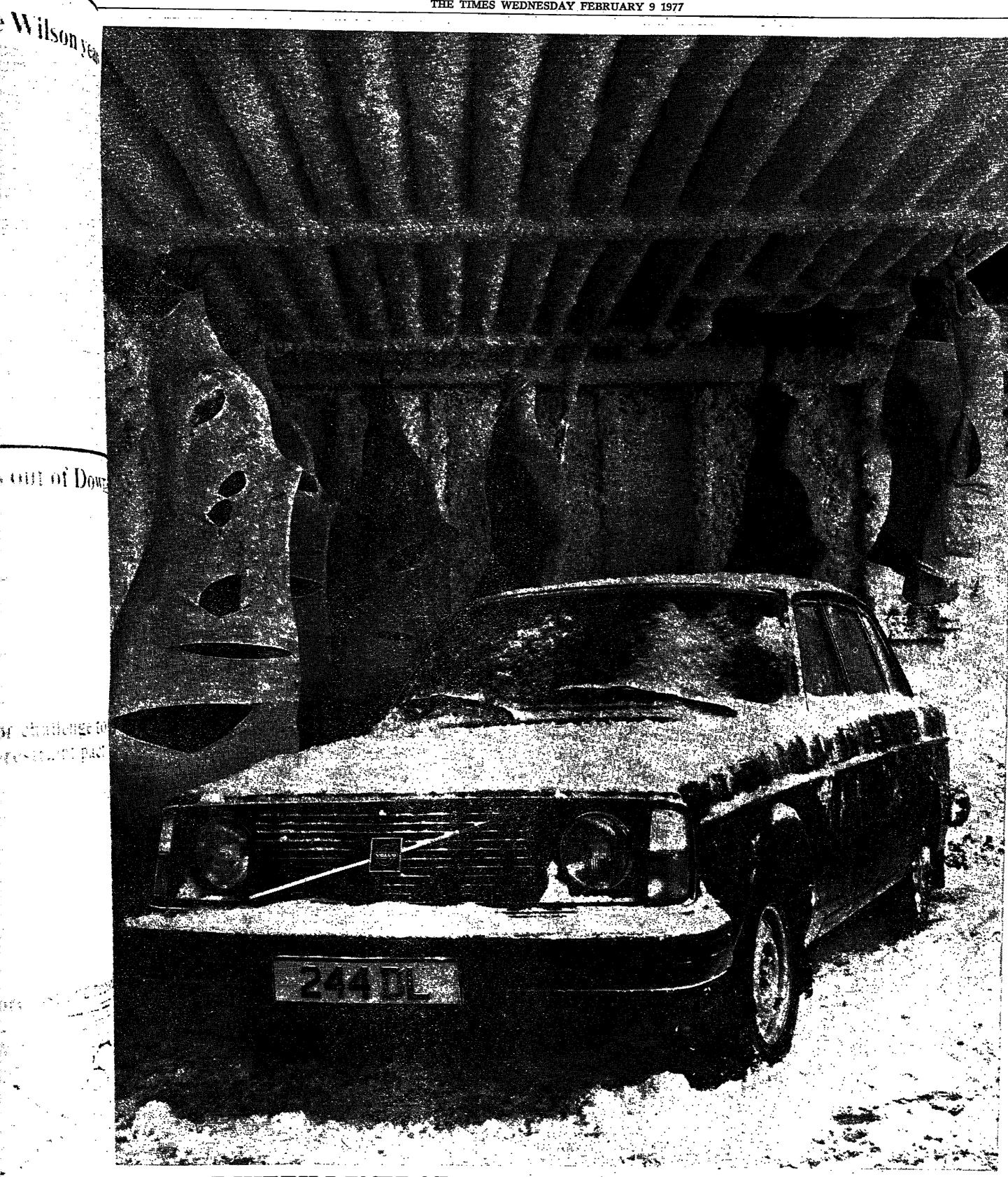
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Labour Editor

Leaders of the TUC meet today to discuss how to regenerate union support for continuation of the social contract with the Government in the face of mounting shop-floor opposition which culminated yesterday in a vote of no confidence in the Government's economic policies by the traditionally loyal Not-

tinghamshire miners.

With Ford Motors shop stewards demanding an end to wage restraint, the TUC's influential economic committee sits down this morning to decide on the form of representation to the Chancellor on how he should frame his forthcoming Budget, A special conference "to exert greater influ-ence" on Mr Healey is planned.

A confidential preamble to the draft TUC economic review being considered by the committee today suggests a confer-ence of chief officers of all affiliated unions to be held in advance of the Budget, which the unions have reason to be-lieve will be in the last week of

The purpose of the conference would be to enable the union movement to exert greater influence on the Chancellor on prices, unemploy-ment and general economic policy, thus meeting a desire among the unions for greater consultation on government policy. "However, this procewould not rule out a further conference at a later stage", the paper adds.

While the contents of the lengthy draft review were being digested by union leaders vesterday a resolution deploring the "abysmal failure" of government economic policies and demanding free collective bar-gaining in the mining industry tupped the poll of the Nottinghamshire mineworkers' confer-

won 208 votes, compared with 178 for a motion demand-ing a £135 wage for face workers from November 1. That claim would entail rises of more than 90 per cent, in direct con-flict with the Government's wage restraint programme.

Both the resolutions were adopted despite an hour-long defence of the social contract by Mr Lawrence Daly, general secetary of the National Union of Mineworkers, who has cham-pioned the pay restraint cause at TUC congresses.

unexpectedly tough attitude by normally moderate pit delegates from Britain's second largest coalfield coincided with a move by Ford shop stewards to join their coltants on the TUC Gen leagues in British Leyland in a cil in future weeks.

of favour

survey

By David Walker

in students'

of The Times Higher Education

selves as much more fitted for Civil Service jobs than for

industry, according to a survey

of the attitudes of final-year students conducted last

The survey's findings are likely to form the basis of a

speech to be made this after-noon in the Lords for the Gov-

ernment by Lord Winterbottom.

He will be speaking in a debate

on the need to increase the esteem in which industry is held

Students interviewed for the

survey viewed industrialists as

successful organization men

narrow-minded, ambitious and with a technical bent. By con-

trast students saw themselves

as broad-minded, anti-authori-

tarian, unmotivated by money and anxious to work with

Market and Opinion Research International asked students at

18 universities in England and

Wales to grade the qualities they thought were necessary in

people rather than things.

by young people.

University students see them-

revolt against extension of the

social contract.
The Ford conveners' commit tee called on the TUC not to be misled into another round of

manoeuvring to impose unac-ceptable policies on the workers. A conference of Ford shop stewards will be held in April to work out a pay demand for 1977, but the shop-floor leaders said last night that there was no support for a continuation of wage restraint.

Toolmakers are threatening to strike at Ford's Dagenham plant from next Monday over a pay claim. Mr John Cousins, a conten

der in the election for a new general secretary for the Trans-port and General Workers Union, moved quickly to support the Ford workers, most of whom belong to the union be would like to lead.

He said yesterday: "The ocial contract has finally social crumbled, and I share the views of the Ford motor car workers who say 'enough is enough'. I believe we have to return to free collective bargaining as an urgent priority. Otherwise Britain will be plunged into even more unnecessary strife: a union official against his members.

While Mr Cousin's remarks may be taken as election rhetoric, increasing opposition from such strategically placed leaders of shop-floor opinion as Ford and British Leyland shop stewards, and the Nottinghamshire miners, whose moderate president, Mr Len Clarke, has in previous years held them to a policy loyal to the Labour Cabinet, must give rise to increasing concern among TUC leaders responsible for negotiating another year of wage restraint.

The idea behind a special TUC conference of trade union executives, possibly to be followed by a special congress to bring unions into a binding agreement with the Govern-ment, is designed to further the cause of the social contract, not to provide a platform to oppose

That is why Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers is opposing any general recall of the congress merely to rubber-stamp negotiations be-tween the TUC's six representatives on the National Economic Development Council and Cabinet ministers.

He voiced his opposition at a secret left-wing meeting in Birstand will be taken up by mili-tants on the TUC General Coun-

look to Mr Rodgers as a leader

By Michael Hatfield Labour moderates last night were projecting Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport and an old campaigner in the party's internal struggles, as their putative leader to meet the challenge of the left.

That became evident when it was learnt that the moderates are organizing a conference of Labour activists throughout the country later this month to discuss what action might be taken to rally support for the Government and to build up party organization.

party organization.

Mr Rodgers has accepted an invitation to take the chair at the initial meeting, which has been partly organized by Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, chairman of the centre-right Manifesto Group of Labour MPs, and Mr Iahn Cartagight a member of John Cartwright, a member of the group who is also on the national executive committee

of the Labour Party.

Moderate Labour MPs have been conscious that their cause lacked a leader ever since is was known that Mr Roy Jenkins was to leave Parliament, and it now looks as if Mr Rodgers has been persuaded to fill, the vacuum.

Mr Rodgers is a doughty fighter for the moderate cause, having shown a talent for organization during Labour's fight over unilateral nuclear disarmaover unliateral nuclear disarma-ment. He was one of the key figures in the Campaign for Democratic Socialism, which successfully set out to reverse the 1960 annual party con-ference decision to "ban the bomb".

Whether Mr Rodgers will accept the mantle of Mr Jen-kins remains to be seen, for been much activity to persuade Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to accept the role.

It can be stated authoriratively that there is no rivalry. Mr Rodgers has enormous admiration for Mrs Williams's capabilities and is known to be among the group of moderate ministers who would like to see her as the next Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Those who are privately canvassing that idea recognize, however, that she needs to have more experience as a senior Cabinet minister.

The calling of the conference of Labour moderates will comcide with a detailed statement of its ideals and objectives published by the Manifesto Group. That will give unswerving support to the mixed economy and criticize indis-



Three guillemots, cleansed of oil by Kent RSPCA staff, being left by an RAF helicopter crew on the Goodwin Sands for the tide to carry them out to sea. The birds had swum back to shore each time an RSPCA man had rowed them out from the Kent coast and left them.

Race commission plans criticized

By Neville Hodgkinson Social Policy Correspondent

The latest proposals for the future staffing and structure of the new Commission for Racial Equality are meeting widespread criticism.

The plans, which replace an earlier, unacceptable draft require the approval of the Civil Service Department and the Government. They were sent to the Home Office last week. Some minority group leaders are afraid that their chances of direct cooperation with the commission's staff have been weakened because of the role now envisaged for community relations councils.

Another complaint is that the plans over-emphasize the lawenforcement functions of the new body and give inadequate attention to community help and advice. It is argued that of the commission's proposed staff of 221, for example, only nine will be directly concerned with minority-group organiza-tions, youth matters and rela-tionships with the police, volun-tary organizations and other authorities.

The new commission is due to start operating fully at the end of March. It will assume the functions of the Community Relation's Commission and the Race Relations Board. One of the critics is Dr Alan

Little, director of reference and technical services at the Com-munity Relations Commission, who is on the new commission's steering committee and is expected to become one of its directors.

In a letter to Mr David Lane. the chairman-designate, he complains that the proposals will reduce staffing for research and advisory work and dilute expertise on discrimination other than that defined in a narrowly legal sense.

"The distinction in the paper between discrimination and disadvantage is one I can accept as far as the law is concerned. but is meaningless as far as effective promotion of equality of opportunity is concerned", he writes.

"Education authorities do not want to know whether young black people are func-tioning badly because of direct or indirect discrimination or racial disadvantage; they have to be made aware of the situation, persuaded to do something about poor performances, and given the guidance and resources on what to do if black children are to have equality of opportunity."

Mr Courtney Laws, director of Brixton Neighbourhood Community Association and chairman of a group of about 35 minority association leaders,

NHS unrest

blamed on

frustration

Health Services Correspondent

The serious decline

morale in the National Health

Service is often said to be due

to lack of money, but equally

important, if not more so, is

the deep sense of frustration

experienced by most doctors, the Royal College of Obstetri-cians and Gynaecologists said

In evidence to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service the college said: "Doctors working in acute and exacting specialities

such as our own know how near complete breakdown the

service has been in many areas. By breakdown we mean

the danger of unnecessary loss of life and the serious delay in

the restoration to health of the sick."

To help to remedy the service, the college suggested that area health authorities should

go, that there should be con-sultation with the profession, the Government and trade

unions to determine the cause

of present unrest, and that the Department of Health and Social Security should be replaced with a health service

commission or corporation to remove the NHS from the

"constantly changing influence of politicians".

In the early years the service worked well, the college said. Hospital staff were given

authority and the help of the administration. Today general practitioners were frustrated by inadequate facilities, junior

hospital doctors were still seeking a well-defined career

structure, consultants had had

their authority challenged by

hospital workers, they were un-der-paid and lacked supporting

Reorganization of the service had led, among other difficul-ties, to "enormous numbers of directives emanating from face-

less people at the centre, often

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fession's opinions and without the provision of money for the

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ure by doctors to appreciate

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lost because of frustrations experienced in day-to-day practice, Many administrators had lost sight of the fact that a hospital exists for patients and

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wrote to the Commission for Racial Equality yesterday com-plaining that the staffing pro-posals fail to give enough emphasis to the need for liaison with minority groups.

The commission has also received a memorandum from Mr Surendra Kumar, principal liaison officer at the Community Relations Commission, who says: "It would be fatal if we lose the confidence of the ethnic minorities at this critical juncture, especially as so much time and effort has been spent in exploring and developing this kind of liaison work".

Last week the Runnymede Trust argued that existing priorities were based on Home Office assumptions over which there had been inadequate consultation. In particular, it asked the commission to reconsider the organization of its promotional and advisory work. Mr Lane said yesterday that ethnic minority work would not be neglected. "We want to

develop and enlarge it", he said. Equally, there was no intention of diminishing the effectiveness of the Community Relations Commission's promotional and advisory work. "We are simply proposing some redeployment of skills to take account of the changed

Report out today on dependants

Home Affairs Correspondent A report to be published today will advise the Government on whether it should institute a register of immigrants' dependants.

The report was prepared by team of three, headed by Lord Franks, the Liberal peer. The other members are Mr Sydney Irving, Labour MP for Dartford, and Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, Conservative MP for Runcorn.

The formation of the group was suggested last July by Mr Roy Jenkins, then Home Secretary. Mr Whitelaw, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, had said that the British people wanted to know whether a time was in prospect when no more immigrants would be entitled to come here.

A succession of people have been to the Indian subcontinent to try to gauge numbers and pressure by dependants to come to Britain.

Mr Alex Lyon, Labour MP for York, has said that his dismissal as a Home Office minister was due largely to his attempt to reduce the time that Asian depen-

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By Hugh Noyes,

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Talks fail to find formula for nuclear-fuel transfer

British, French and Japanese talks are already in difficulty ing fascism anywith negotiators are making little because of uncertainties about shouted.

progress towards finding a expansion at Windscale for a formula acceptable to the new reprocessing plant which discourage the discourage th United States for the transfer of spent nuclear fuel from Japan for reprocessing at Windscale, Cumbria, and at La Hague, near Cherbourg.

American agreement is vital because the spent fuel, from American-designed atomic power stations, was supplied originally by the nuclear division of the United States Energy Research and Develop-ment Administration, and as-potential weapons material the fuel is not transferable to another country.

Arrangements proposed over a year ago for shipping spent nuclear fuel, as part of a long-term £400m reprocessing contract for British Nuclear Fuels, are not acceptable to the United

would separate useful uranium, plutonium and long-lived radio-active wastes from the spent fuel.
The Japanese delegation met Sir John Hill, chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, and Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environ-

representatives from Japan. The

ment, yesterday over the Windscale dispute, which concerns the safety and wisdom of building a new type of reprocessing factory for enriched-oxide fuel. American anxiety relates to the plutonium. The Japanese claim to the ownership of plutonium created in the country's reactors is not acceptable to the United States. Proposals being prepared in

Washington recommend an internationally controlled States arms control agency.

That is an added complication for talks being held in centres, of which Windscale London among British Nuclear could become one. The sugges-Fuels, Cogema (the French tion has not been supported by reprocessing company) and 15 Britain or by the French.

Anthony Kenny, of Holyrood Avenu-Resort JPs late-night drinking h

Protest over uranium survey in Orkness By Ronald Faux uranium deposits to go ahead. The electricity bos . . .

About 400 people opposed to marched through Kirkwall yesterday in the first demonstration the town has seen, as the island council's planning and development committee rejected an application by the South of Scotland Electricity Board to survey for uranium ore in a "corridor" north of Stromness. About 3.500 protests have been delivered to the council.

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tion, despite reassurances by three electricity board officials

at the meeting.
The board may appeal to the Secretary of State for Scotland to overrule Orkney's objections and allow the survey of

uranium mining in Orkney three locations, Cairston Mill, marched through Kirkwall yes-terday in the first demonstra-the Atlantic coast.

The committee agreed to chiefly on the damage that urge the full Orkney Island's would be done to an attractive council to reject the applicapart of Orkney. The structure part of Orkney. The structure plan for the islands made clear that no form of industrial activity, including oil-platform building or petrol refining, would be allowed in the area. To those strictures they wanted

to add uranium mining.

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The proposed & has been financed pa EEC. The board waduct similar explo Helmsdale, on the coast, and at Ban miles west of Aberde clearly regards oucl as an important futt of electrical energy.

Art institute has to close because

eminent artists including Gainsborough, Reynolds, Turner, Hals, Rembrandt, Van Gogh,

an industrial and Civil Service career. Civil servants were said to like working with people, to be hardworking and responsible and generally doing a useful ich Cuts 'will mean fewer police on the streets'

By Stewart Tendler Government cuts in expendi-ture for policing will result in fewer officers on the streets, the Home Secretary was told yesterday by representatives of the Association of Chief Police Officers, which represents chief constables in England, Wales and Northern Instance.

and Northern Ireland.
Yesterday Mr Peter Marthews, Chief Constable of Surrey and the association's president, raised with Mr Rees the effects of planned cuts.

According to a statement from the association Mr Matthews, accompanied by two other chief constables, told Mr Rees and senior Home Office officials that the reduction in the use of civilian staff would result in fewer police officers on operational duty

Village beat: Villagers in remote areas of Northumberland who have lost their local policeman are to get him back, once a formight, He will start calling regularly in the villages in the same way as a mobile library operates, the Northumbal Police Authorist Northumbal Northu bria Police Authority was told yesterday.

He will park his police station, a converted van, on the

village green so that local people can visit it to talk and

Industry out | Council saves by bugging staff

its offices. The council esti-mates that at least £12,000 a year could be saved by the deterrent effect of permanent monitoring.

For the first two weeks of the monitoring, last September, no one was told that calls were being bugged. Then staff and councillors were told that calls would be monitored for the next two weeks.

The council's telephone bill was £490 lower in the second period than in the first. In the first two weeks an average of 17,595 calls were made each week, at a weekly cost of £1,195. In the second two weeks 15,479 calls on average were made each week, at a cost of £950. Thus in the second period the average weekly saving was £245.

The number of calls made fell

disrupted production of three newspapers in Northampton-

The dispute, involving about seventy journalists, is about to spread to another 150 journalists.

spread to another 150 jour-nalists employed by the East Midlands Allied Press group. The strikers have appealed to the printing unions for support, but there are obvious signs of residence.

reticence.
The TUC committee is likely

to attempt conciliation rather than offer support, which it has

already once refused.
The National Union of Jour-

once a day.

Mr Townsend said he called

on Mrs Salmon for long conver-sations because she seemed lonely. "She always called the

affected by the dispute, which colleagues.

TUC printing group to

discuss journalists' strike

By Christopher Thomas is over a claim for better fringe
The TUC printing industries benefits, are the Northamptoncommittee is to hold a special shire Evening Telegraph,
meeting today to decide what Kettering (circulation 45,000).

action to take over a 10-week the Harborough Mail (9,000) strike by journalists which has and the News Echo, Welling-disrupted production of three borough (5,000).

The National Union of Journal said that the management had nalists plans to call our another refused to hold further talks, but the management denied that

group on Friday if no progress it had been approached. Today towards a settlement has been a complaints committee of strik-

made by then.

The newspapers so far ciplinary action against some

By Robert Parker

Bradford City Council, which
monitored telephone calls made
by its staff for four methods.

by 13.8 per cent in the second to would-be abusers. Although no analysis has been done on

Bradford bired Call Informa-

tion Logging Equipment to record the destination and duration of all outgoing calls from the 600 extensions in the city hall and outlying offices. Conversations were not recorded.

A report from the management services division, which carried out the survey, to the council's management com-mittee, which met yesterday said that judging by the survey the continued use of equipment "could achieve direct annual savings in the order of £12,250 for call charges". The figure

was arrived at by multiplying the weekly average saving by 50 weeks. The report added: "There a charge is made for every call, is evidence from the survey but with private lines only the that the monitoring of exten-

is over a claim for better fringe

Since the strike began the

Evening Telegraph has reduced

its cover price from 6p to 2p, and dropped its Saturday issue,

but the management says there has been no significant decrease

in advertising revenue. Mr Desmond Willcox, general manager, said the newspaper

had between eight and 10 pages a day smaller than usual. The

loss was mostly editorial

On Monday the journalists

matter, not advertising.

monitored telephone calls made by its staff for four weeks last year, was told yesterday that a fifth of its telephone bill is fifth of or private calls from reducing the number of that a significant proportion of the reduction of calls in weeks attributable to private calls from its offices. The council are telephone network revealed by of a private nature. The even greater reduction

in call charges would indicate that legitimate outgoing calls were of shorter duration and/or there was a marginal shift to the standard-rate period" (the afternoon, when calls are cheaper than in the morning).

The monitoring equipment also made clear that other savalso made crear indicates savings were possible. For example, it was shown that some extensions are hardly used and do not justify their rental. It was also shown that it would be cheaper in some cases to link the city hall switchboard to other council switchboards with private lines instead of Post Office lines. If Post Office lines are used

Job reprieve for dismissed

photographer

Mr Rodney Southwood, aged
32, chief photographer on the

Ilford Recorder, who was dismissed for alleged misconduct
after the conclusion of a closedshop agreement between shop agreement between the National Union of Journalists and the South Essex Recorders newspaper group, was granted the renewal of his contract by an industrial tribunal

Mr Southwood appealed to the tribunal on the ground of wrongful dismissal. The hearing was adjourned

Journalists.

because no representatives of the newspaper group were present, but the tribunal chairman said he was satisfied that on the evidence so far Mr Southwood's application was likely to succeed.

Mr Southwood voted last October as a member of the National Union of Journalists for the introduction of a closed shop. He later left the NUJ and joined the rival Institute of

Inspector tells of visits by wealthy widow

Chief Inspector Donald Townsend, stationed at Tewkesbury. Gloucestershire, who was left £1,000 in the wild of Mrs Violet Salmon, the widow of colonel, said in the High Court yesterday that he had visited her five times a week, often she had called at the police station at Tewkesbury two or three times a month to complain about poachers or intru-

plain about poachers or intru-ders on her estate. The frefive beneficiaries under a 1971 and I will. They maintain that Mrs certifia Salmon was suffering from when s delusions when she made the home quency of the calls increased until she was calling at least

imaginings of an anxious and neurotic old woman.

"She was a very difficult social problem, but my partners and I never thought she was certifiable. She would not stay when she was sent to a nursing

"I would have been happy Dr Christopher King-Holford, for her to go to the nursing the need for so many directive and the setting up rectice that treated Mrs. will but I would nave been have committees and the setting up will but I would nover have committees and the ineffect been party to committing her."

of oil blockade

The Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham closed yesterday because its oil supplies had been stopped by pickets of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Man-agerial Staffs. Officials said that without oil they could not control the humidity level required for the paintings

The institute, although completely independent, is on the campus of Birmingham Univer-

sity, where technicians belonging to the ASTMS have been on strike for 22 weeks in a dispute over holiday entitlement. It contains works by many

Building societies to he Councils over mortgage New arrangements with building societies for maintaining the level of local authority lending for house purchase and improvement in England were announced yesterday by Mr Shore. Secretary of State for the Environment. Authorities will receive mortgage allocations totalling f273m in 1977-78, of which the building societies expect to be able to provide £157m. Mr Shore, making his announcement in a Commons a answer to Mr John Ellis, Labour MP for Brigg and Scunthorpe, said the arrangements were designed to maintain local authority lending for house purchase in 1977-78 at the level envisaged before the public restricted to about

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will give legislative he terms of a joint led three years ago al authorities to ponsibility for the

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third of local authorities have yet to do so, and other authori-ties' performances have been

For the first time the Bill will require local authorities to take full notice of circulars issued under it. The first will be published with the Act and will define the priority groups housing authorities must help. They are expected to include families with children, pregnant women, and elderly or disabled

The Bill defines homelessness The Bill defines homelessness as being without accommodation, or being threatened with it in 28 days. The first duty of housing authorities will be a oprovide accommodation for anyone it suspects of being homeless and with a priority need, while it determines the merits of the case. merits of the case.

If the authority decides the applicant does fall within its duty it is obliged to secure or provide suitable accommodation. tion. In some cases that will mean taking steps to end harassment of tenants so that they can stay in their present homes. In others, it will mean provid-ing a council tenancy, but the Bill does not define the staudard of accommodation to be

If the authority is not satisfied that the applicant qualifies for housing it must nevertheless provide advice and assistance to belp him to find his own

accommodation.
The Bill establishes that the housing authority that is responsible is the one to which the homeless family or indi-vidual applies for help. But it contains a clause providing for cooperation between local authorities because the per-formance of some, particularly in London, where most homelessness occurs, has shown that several authorities refuse to take responsibility unless the applicant has lived locally for

The department's figures yesterday showed that more than 90 per cent of homeless families had been living in the area for at least a month.

some time.

The Bill is a consensus measure, but contains one con-troversial provision. Mr Ross wants it to extend to Scotland, as well as to England and Wales, but the Government argues that it is an issue likely to be devolved to the new Scot-tish assembly, where the housing situation is different. Mr Ross said yesterday that if legislative backing was not

given in Scotland authorities there might implement any new agreement on homelessness as patchily as in England and The Bill implicitly covers the single homeless, but in practice they will be left out unless they are included in the priority groups to be named by the Secretary of State for the Engirenment Buy local authoric

Environment. But local authorities will be free to add their own priority groups to the official list. The Bill is expected to become law by the end of

Wordsworth site not to have houses built on it

By John Chartres
The view of the fields from under the yew trees beside Wordsworth's grave in Wordsworth's grave in Grasmere is to be preserved,

The Lake District Special Planning Board announced yesterday that its development control subcommittee had refused an application for the building of 14 expensive houses on a site behind the Rothay Hotel in the centre of the Wordsworth village and along-side the famous churchyard.

The subcommittee's refusal of a development application by

a Newcastle upon Tyne firm of builders came after intense local opposition ending in a public meeting in the village attended by nearly two hundred people last week.

The Rector of Grasmere, the Rev Richard Bevan, one of the leaders of the opposition move-ment, said the villagers were relieved and delighted at the decision. He thought there would now be a move to raise funds on a national, and possibly international, scale to develop the site for the general benefit of local people, particu larly elderly people; and for

One of the hopes, he said, was that the would-be developer, William Leech (Builders) Ltd, might be persuaded to put forward an alternative application that would still be business-like yet not constitute the sort of "over-development" that the



Top of the show-business pops: Penelope Keith and John

Penelope Keith named as top personality

Miss Penelope Keith was named yesterday as show busi-ness personality of 1976 in the Variety Club of Great Britain's annual awards. She was selected for her performance in the play Donkey's Years and her role as the woman next door in The Good Life, the television series.

Bed Before Yesterday; BBC radio personality: Roy Hudd. Hudd-lines; BBC television personality: John Inman, for Are You Being Served?, and Derek Jacobi, for I. Claudius; ITV personality: Dennis Waterman and John Thaw, for The Sweeney and Yootha Joyce and Brian Murphy for George and Mildred; most promising artist Andrew Sachs, for the television series Faulty Towers and his stage performance at the 1976 Chichester Festival.

Three injured in

RAF's new plane to be Anglo-German project

The next fighter-bomber aircraft for the RAF is to be a joint Anglo-West German project, and may bring in other members of the Nato alliance, Whitehall sources said yester-

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whitehall sources said yesterday.
Coded the AST (air staff target) 403, the project has already been the subject of much negotiation between the British and the Germans. The British Aircraft Corporation and Hawker Siddeley Aciation are expected to submit firm designs to the Government within the next few weeks.
The RAF would require about 300 models of the 403 to fly alongside, and eventually to replace, its existing Jaguar and

replace, its existing Jaguar and Harrier fighter-bombers during the late 1980s and 1990s. At about £5m for each aircraft at today's prices, the British order alone would be worth at least £1,500m to the aircrart industry.

The Germans would require at least as many 403s to rep-lace their Phantom fighters. The two countries have built up in developing the much heavier and more expensive Tornado multi-role combat aircraft, which is due to go into squadron service by the end of this decade.

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in the United States, and a series of conventional bombs designed to put enemy air-fields out of action.

One of these, which can be lobbed into an airfield by a low-flying aircraft before it comes nto range of aircraft missiles, lays mines under the surface designed to go off at the surface of th

varying intervals. The development of the new fighter-bomber, which will be a single-seater designed to fight over the advanced battlefield, and may have an element of veertical take-off in its design, and that of the advanced convertical very least of the seat of the ventional weapons can be seen as a riposte to a recent change in tactics by the Soviet mili-tary, which has been noted by Whitehall intelligence experts.

That is to concentrate far led Whitehall to deduce that the Russians would expect to level lasting several days at least before any escalation

The threat is taken seriously in official circles. The astern block is understood to be producing about 1,500 military aircraft a year, 1,00 0of which aree combat types, and 50 0of which are the latest swing-wing kind.

A special award was given to Mr Richard Goolden for his annual appearance as Mr Mole in Toud of Toud Hall and for Dirty Linen in 1976. He has played Mole for 20 years.

Other winners were:
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Genima Crayen, for The Slipper and the Rose; stage actor: Donald Sinden, for King I ear actress: Joan Plowright, for The

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Energy supplies will clearly trolling element in world development, demanding "the biggest readjustment of aims and attitudes we have ever had to face". The study proposes: 1 Better insulation and more modest standards in domestic heating, which consumes nearly a quarter of Britain's total.

2 More modest transport, with smaller, more economical cars (60mph and 60 mpg for most pur-poses) and greater emphasis on public transport, bicycles, and car-sharing,

3 Big savings in industrial energy, largely through better insulation. 4. Development of alternative dows and doors, sources such as solar, water and wind power, with more efficient use of existing fuels such as burning natural gas directly in efficient stoves rather than generating electricity with it.

5. A change in planning towards more localized communities. "The modern city is a dinosaur which will become extinct." The study calls for an urgent

and widespread debate on nuclear power the termination of which, the society believes, is "the beginning of any viable alternative strategy in the field of energy".

Energy: Where do we go from here? (Alternative Society, Rookery North, Adderbury, Ox-fordshire; 70p).

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Resort JPs cut late-night drinking hours

Licensing magistrates for Torbay yesterday cut drinking hours at several clubs and hotels as part of a police cam-paign to beat increased drunkenness and vandalism. The decision to limit drinking

until 1 am instead of 2 am came despite pleas from the licensees. Mr Harvy Mogford, of the Victoria Hotel, oTrquay, chairman of the Torquay Hotels' Association, which represents about 500 members, said of the decision: "It will be a retrograde step to Torbay as a leading resort. Prospective conference holders would find other venues.

Chief Supt Victor Thomas said some employees of licensed premises were provocative and aggressive. They were too ready to indulge in excessive violence in ejecting customers.

The number of prosecutions for drunkenness had leapt significantly. Last year about 30 licensees had been detected for drink offences involving juveniles, "a most unsatisfactory trend, which deserves censure".

It was stated that there would be an appeal to the Divisional

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The corporation's application e steel products for the grant was strongly sup-reportation's two ported by local authorities suffering from heavy traffic, particularly Derby, through which both the Teesside and Scunthorpe lorries have to pass if the freight came by road.

When the centre opens at the corporation's Bilston works up to 6,000 tonnes a week of coiled plate from the Lackenby works on Teesside and billets from the Appleby-Frodingham works at Scunthorpe will move in trains carrying up to 1,000 tonnes a time instead of more than 350 lorries carrying 15 to 20 ronnes. Department of

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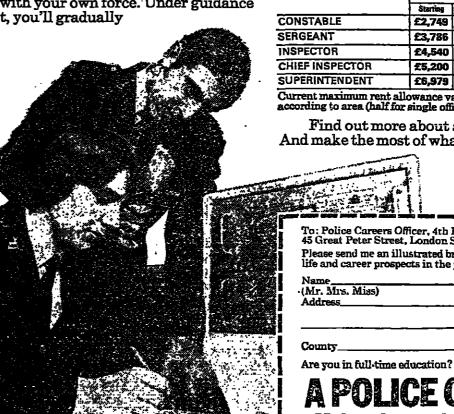
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Benefits of whooping-cough vaccination outweigh risk: compensation must await report House of Commons I'm is by no means the only lar the vast majority of cases, the whooping cough for outweigh the whooping cough for outweigh the whooping cough for outweigh the risks, Mr. David Emmis, Secretary vich, North, Lab) said in a start ment. He refused to decide the case for compensation for the whole field and to consider in this whole field and to consider the days, when p-lin and the considering the considering the compensation to the considering the constitution of parents of vaccination and any information of the latter for the considering the compensation to the considering the compensation to the considering the considering the considering the constitution of parents of vaccinations against submortance of the least will the minist to consider that he incidence of the least will the minist to consider the the line identical that he least will the minist to consider the the line identical that he locks or avaccination should now decide to give compensation to the considering the constant of the considering the cons

He refused to decide the case for compensation for those children who had suffered injury as a result of vaccination in advance of the report of the Pearson Commission. Mir Ennals said that much public concern had been expressed in the the risk of brain damage caused by

He expressed sincere sympathy to the families of the small number of children who might over the years have been damaged by vac-cipation. No amount of money could put right this damage.

.What we can do (he went on) is to ensure that the best medical help is given to the children, and that their parents are helped to bear the additional burdens. We are doing all we can under the present law to make things easier for them financially.

A wide range of services and henefits is available under the

A wide range of services and henefits is available under the National Health Service personal social services, the social security system and the Family Fund which was extended in 1974 to help families in which there is a severely handicapped child.

to provide compensation for vac-cine-damaged children over and cine-damaged children over and above the help we provide at present, and I understand the strong feelings that have been aroused on this issue. The Standing Medical Advisory Committee in its evidence to the Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury, economical that there was a feature. recognized that there was a rea onable case for paying compennot consider the claims for vaccine-damaged children in isolation. The Royal Commission is considering this whole field, and it would be wrong for me to preempt their report, which I understand is expected later this year.

expected later this year. I share the widespread concern for the children who may have been damaged. I hope the House will also share my concern at the alarming drop of 25 to 30 per cent in the number of vaccinations for diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis over the last three years, and the even steeper fall of nearly 60 per cent in whooping cough

Immunization and vaccination have dramatically improved child health in the past 40 years, but much of the gain could be lost if parents stop worrying about the dangers of diseases which have almost been wiped out by the very success of the vaccination pro-gramme, or if they fail to give protection to their children because of fears about serious side-

effects. Although there is a small risk of brain damage from whooping cough raccination, I am advised by cough vaccination, I am advised by
the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunivation, chaired
by Professor Sir Charles SwartHarris, in whom I have a impiete
confidence, that the policy of
offering whooping cough vaccine
for babies should not be charged
because the gains greatly matter; in
the risks
Whooping cough is a dangerous
disease. It can lead not only to

disease. It can lead not only to brain damage but to permanent lung damage and even ceath. There were 4,000 cases and four deaths last year.

The joint committee also advises doctors that where, in individual

against ones dispasses without this sceking the advice of their family doctors. Older, parents will remember the days, when police and diphtheria swept across Britain. The vaccination programme will continue, But I am determined to account that the side of damage at

ensure that the risks of damage are reduced to the absolute minimum. The joint committee have clearly stated the circumstances in which whooping cough vaccination is in-artisable, and information has been given to doctors on a number of occasions. But, so that there can be no doubt in anyone's mind on this. I am arranging for the most up-to-date information on contra-indications to be sent again to all doctors and to the nurses who work with them.

I am also considering what more can be done to improve linisan between family doctors and clinics so that all those administering vac-cine are fully aware of contra-ludications in individual cases.

I firmly believe that the public should be aware both of the zen-eral benefits and the hazards of vaccination, and I wish to help doctors and nurses in their task of

doctors and nurses in their task of providing laformation and discussing the Issues with parents.

To assist them the Health Education Council has been providing a leaflet. This was revised in 1975, but together with the joint committee I am arranging for the urgent preparation of a new and more detailed version.

The joint committee have access to all the available medical and scientific knowledge, including information from the Adverse Reaction's Sub-Committee of the Committee on Safety of Medicines. I am reminding doctors to pay particular attention to the need to report to the sub-committee any damage

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- 1 recognize that this has been an anxious time for parents of young decision about whether to have their child vaccinated. I hope that

my statement this afternoon will help them to reach a decision on this difficult matter. I hope that such parents will be

better able to understand the cirnetter anie to understand the cir-cumstances in which vaccination against whooping cough is inadvis-able. But I hope too that they will appreciate that in the vast majority of cases the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the risks.

I am sure that the House will

agree that vaccination programmes play a vital part in protecting our calidren's health. Mr Enuals, in information he cir-culated, said that since diphtheria

immunization began the level of the disease in this country had fallen from 55,000 cases and nearly 3,000 deaths a year before 1942 to rewer than 10 cases and no deaths in 1976. Poliomyelitis had fallen on a sinsilar scale. Whooping cough was down from 90.000 cases and 85 deaths in 1936 to fewer than 4,000 cases and four deaths in 1976. In a continuing follow-up study in the past two tears of children immunized in a metropolitan region, involving over \$0,000 doses

of vaccine containing a whomping cough component, no case of perencountered.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab)—Public anxiety will not be allayed by ministerial state-ments and we have to have an independent inquiry into the effi-

should now decide to give com-pensation to the children so gravely damaged by his immunit-ation scheme. (Cheers).

Mr Ennals-The joint committee on vaccination and immunization is an independent body including specialists in virology, immunization, epidemiology, miccitions diseases, general medicine, neurology, paediatrics and general practice. Those are 22 recognized experts and they are unanimous in the conclusions they have reached on the basis of all the information at their dispusal.

I do not think a separate independent inquiry would establish any evidence not already available to the joint committee. On compensation. I have a great deal of sympathy with the case which Mr Ashley makes and for which he is campaigning but I fear I camou enter into a firm commitment before the report of the Royal

The Government will consider retrospection when the Royal Commission makes its recommen-

br Gerard Vaughan, an Opposition spokesman on health and social services (Reading, South, C)—This is a special group of children. They are special because they are normal healthy children before the injection is given and they are special—and this is what distinguishes them from other disabled children—because the state recommal healthy children before the injection is given and they are spacial—and this is what distinguishes them from other disabled children—because the state recommends injections partly to protect society. Surely the state should then share the responsibility when things go wrong 2 (Cheers).

We should look at the insidence in 1976.

Mr Ennais—I have a great deal of sympathy with the case put forward on behalf of these children. I have said also that the fact that the Royal Commission is not itself authorized to make proposals which are retrospective does not mean that the Government are not feet to decide a continuous if free to decide for themselves if they wish to apply any recommen-dations that are made to children whose situation has been affected

It is true that vaccination is a particular situation but it is not compulsory. Or Vaughan refers to compensation in some European countries in which there is compensation—there it is compulsory. Our immunization and vacci-

by the subsequent events.

nation programme is promoted and encouraged but it is left to the indement of doctors and parents as to whether vaccination should be carried out and all the disadyan trages and dangers are carefully brought to the attention of doc-

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South, Lab)—Will he assure me that in future there will be adequate notices to parents which are easily understandable. not complex. Immunization and vaccination have done more for the health of this country in the last half a century than any other single matter in the health service.

things go wrong? (Cheers.)

Already six other countries in Europe have recognized those responsibilities and give compening to parents. The joint commit-We should look at the incidence

four children each year get brain damage from whooping cough itself. As well as this whooping cough can lead to permanent lung damage and other serious compli-

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, Li-It is time a more definite commitment was given to payment of compensation. If it cannot be given in full an initial payment should be

Mr Ennals-I cannot go further on compensation. The family fund was extended in 1974 in order that it can provide financial assistance. particularly to handicapped children. A number of the cases we have been talking about have been able to receive assistance.

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab)—The delay and procrastination in resolving the com-pensation issue will result in a loss of confidence by people in vacci-

Mr Ennals—I recognize the depth of feeling that exists about the case for compensation, particularly where we know, as I do, people who have been affected by this. The Royal Commission will be reporting very soon. We must not get this out of proportion. Some of this brain damage may have been caused by vaccination, some may

There are enormous advantages not only to their children but to society as a whole that vacciantion should continue. Sir John Langlord-Holt (Shreus-bury, C)—When is the Royal Commission going to report?

and force them to grov pensation as the paren domide children did.

Mr Ennals-Tragical children suffer fre damage, but the supporthey suffer because of is not necessarily so would have to be pro

Those dealing with of brain damage say one provide special he group of brain damage and not another group. Mrs Audrey Wise South-West, Lab)—Car why in the case where parents to undertake a not simply for the hea own children but health—for the safegua population—that this
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Mr Ashley unsuccessi leave to initiate an debate to press for a inquiry into the whos' vaccine and the need for

Statement promised on complaints of abuses in social security system

about abuses of the social security system following an analysis of complaints and letters received from Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen.

Mr Sproat had asked him how many persons at the latest avail-able date were receiving more per week in tax-free social security henefits, including benefits in cash and in kind, than they would receive if they were working for the average taxed wage.

Mr Orme (Salford, West, Lab)-it is not possible to give a figure, but the number is certainly very small. Mr Sproat—There is something desperately wrong with a system in which on the admission of the chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, 20 per cent of those are better off not working or mose are better oft not working than they would be working. This figure does not include possibly another 20 per cent who are only marginally better off working than they would be not working.

Would be introduce legislation to tax benefits, if he is going to tax every other source of income, and to make carrier that it is in the second.

to make certain that it is impos-sible to earn more by not working than it is by working?

People could enter the security

industry almost on coming straight

out of Pentonville or Wormwood

Scrubs, Mr Bruce George (Walsall

South, Lab) said when he success-

fully sought leave to introduce his

Registration of Private Security

Firms Bill.
He said this industry employed

up to 200,000 people and was by and large reputable, but there was an overwhelming need for a littens-

the industry as directors or guards. This ease is quite alarming.

All someone requires is an entry

in Yellow Pages, a guard dog, some old uniforms, some letter-

I am concerned the said) with the ease with which people with thous criminal records can enter

ing or registration system.

Mr Stanley Orme. Minister for Social Security said he hoped soon to misquote, and he has just mistomake an interesting statement about abuses of the social security menury Benefits Commission. The figures he was referring to relate to one in 10 possibly, but taking into account other factors we believe the figure is much higher than that in regard to the people who are supposed to be detrauding the system.

who are supposed to be detrauding the system.

A person with average weekly earnings of £67 gross in November, 1976, with a wife and four children, paying average rent and rates, would have a net weekly income of £49.54. If he was receiving all henefits, including earnings and the second has would be setting related, he would be getting 546.53; but the important thing is that after the earnings related has ceased—it was introduced to shield people during immediate unem-ployment—the figure would be below £40 a week

We are talking here about large families with a great number of children. Mr Sproat is attacking the children in these families. (Labour cheers.) Mr Russell Kerr (Houndow, Fel-tham and Heston, Lab)—Many MPs, at least on this side, are becoming increasingly irritated by Mr Sproat's attempts to protect his

waning political fortunes by this type of puerile question.

business as a private security firm.

He said he was in the process of drawing up a dossier with a 15st of people employed in the industry with serious criminal records and

would send it to the Home Office.

There were certain crimes that should be incompatible wife mem-

bership of a security company responsible for guarding people's lives and property. There should be some form of

working party set up within the Home Office investigating the in-dustry and the appropriate form of

registration.
It was ironic that if prople wanted to run a public house, driv-

ing school or enter a nost of pro-fessions they had to satisfy rigid criteria first.

registration.

Will he undertake that any more attempts to ask such questions vill g:t a Broax cheer? Mr Orme—The many complaints and letters I have received from Mr Sproat are being analysed by my department. I hope to make an

Interesting statement to the House in the not too fishing future. Mrs. Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) for the Edgbaston. C) for the Opposition—It is always absurd that people should obtain more money in social security benefits than when they are working. The fault lies often with the low tax threshold. Will he seek an early opportunity to discuss the matter with the Charaller of the Exercise th with the Chancellor of the Ex-chequer? Orme—The Chancellor

aware of the tax threshold and has indicated to the House that he is considering the matter. We are ralking about a small number who would have come into the category of very large families.

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House of Lords
Today at 2.50: Debate on standing of Industry in society.

Many people Windscale inquiry not prejudiced by Bill increasing failing to claim due benefits

People should not be deterred by the campaign against social security frauds from claiming the hene-lits to which they are entitled. Mr Slanley Orme, Minister for Social Security, said.

Mr Ivor Clemitson (Luton East-Lab) had asked what was Mr Orme's estimate of the total amount of meaus-tested benefits for which people were eligible but which were unclaimed in the last year for which such an estimate was available.

Mr Orme—Estimates in this field are uncertain. For family income supplement and free welfare milk. is estimated that unclaimed benefits amount to about £im and f12m.
For supplementary benefit the

amount is clearly much larger, but no reliable figures are available and the subject is being studied further in connexion with the review of the supplementary benefits scheme announced last Seprember when the annual report of the Supplementary Benefits Commission for 1975 was published

The report suggested that the 1974 take-up rate, in terms of numbers of persons eligible for benefit, had been of the order of 73 per cent, but this does not provide an adequate indiration of the amount of unclaimed benefit. Mr Clemitson-Would it not be had been a clear provision of existmedia and certain MPs spent more of their time seeing that people in need get the benefits to which they are entitled—Labour cheers-rather than making often wildly inaccurate statements about alleged abuse of social security?

Mr Orme—The large number of people who do not take up their benefits is an indication that many people are not rushing to get every benefit which the state is offering. We are concerned that many people who are entitled and not least elderly people, are being deterred from benefit take-up because of the campaign which has gone on throughout this country. (Renewed Labour cheers.)

Mr Evelyn King (South Dorset, C)—has he noted the statistics issued by his department to the effect that in Dorset the amount of detected social security fraud has multiplied threefold in 12 months? Is that equally so in other parts of the country? Mr Orme-The figures he has given are an indication that the

Government are not going to allow people to use fraud in the social people to use fraud in the social security system.

My department pay out something like £10,000m a year in benefit. Last year the department was defrauded of £1,600,000.

financial limits for nuclear industry-Mr Benn

The Nuclear Industry (Finance) -Bill did not prejudge the planning inquiry in respect of Windscale. Mr Anthony Benn, Secretary of State for Industry (Bristol. South-East, Lab) said when he moved the second reading of the Rill second reading of the Bill.

He said this Bill dealt with British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, with the Radiochemical Centre Ltd and

National Nuclear Corporation Ltd. It raised the financial limits im-posed by the Atomic Energy Auth-Government loan guarantees necessary for the raising of money of BNFL. It provided some Government guarantees for BNFL in the event of it being necessary or county any advance nayment. It to refund any advance payments. It authorized the Government to acquire shares in National Nuclear

The Bill did not prejudge the Windscale planning inquiry. They were providing statutory authority for ENFL which would not be activated unless and until the planning outhority.

activates times and that the public aning authority was given.

A Liberal amendment to the Bill which had been tabled—{The Speaker had indicated it was not selected}—had raised the question of the dispusal decisions about nuclear waste. A number of afternative dispusal methods were better tive disposal methods were being considered. Some method of disposal must be found and this point was in hand.

The amendment also raised questions about the return of plutonium following reprocessing.
This was a matter of considerable interest because of the use to which plutonium could be put. It ing contracts for reprocessing from abroad that the plutonium should be handled under full safeguards. It was important that BNF1 should be able to keep open its customers the option of units customers the opion of under-taking reprocessing business should the outcome of the inquiry be permission to build the oxidized fuel reprocessing plant. Another question that arose was in relation to further business which was available and in which it

was necessary for the company to continue to discuss contracts with prospective customers and to take these, if necessary, to the point of concluding provisional contracts that would be conditional on the outcome of the planning appli-cation for the oxide plant and would be acceptable to him as Secretary of State. He was in dis-cussion with them about proce-

dures along these lines.

He could assure the House that this in no way prejudiced the outcome of the planning procedure.

BNFL had been a financial success. In looking at the 10-year corporate plan submitted by the company at the end of 1975 the range of its potential business became much more apparent.

The new corporate plan provided for a single reprocessing plant for home and overceas subject to home and overseas, subject planning procedures.

This plant would require about 11,500m over 10 years so 123 on would be needed between now and 1982-53. And to allow for inflation the limit would be raised to 1300m. But even without the reprocessing plant his department and the company felt 1300m would be needed. Throughout the world there was a debate about nuclear power and some of its aspects. One was safe

ty; another was about nuclear ter-rorism which had nothing of itself to do with nuclear power but was concerned with the possibility of seizure by a hossile force of plutonium with the possibility of plackmail. Another matter was the possibility of some timeat to civil liberties deriving from remedies necessary to deal with nuclear ter-There was the question of the

link between civil nuclear develop-ment and nuclear proliferation and there was also the argument put forward by those with another view as to the need for nuclear power. These questions must be faced and could not be dismissed as the work of cranks or subvershould

Ministers and MPs respond by seeing that adequate information was made available before a decision was taken. The decision must be a political one or they would be abdicating their res-ponsibilities to experts. It was important and urgent that

the industry should know where it He hoped to make progress on this. though the House would not be surprised to learn that it did not follow that the pace of this country's nuclear programme would follow precisely that of other countries where other fuel sources were not available.

The full-scale development of nuclear power, including the fast breeder reactor, was neither self-evidently inevitable nor self-evi-dently wrong. Like most thought ful MPs, not being in any way expert in the matter, he wanted to hear more and to know more and wanted more time before some of these decisions were made. They had the time in which to do it.

Mr Tom King, Opposition spokes-man on energy (Bridgwater, C), said Mr Benn's timing was not of the highest order in introducing the Bill. Windscale was much in their minds, they had recently had an incidence of leaks of radioactivity, there had been considerable press publicity over health baz-ards, and the Flowers report had andoubtedly beightened public

The contentious matter was oxide reprocessing which was the subject of a possible public inquiry. His understanding was inquiry. His understanding was that the position was perfectly well protected and that, even with the Bill, if there was no planning permission here would be no contracts and no need for guarantees.

accepted it in good faith. They would not seek to obstruct the passage of the Bill but there were a number of questions they would be probing closely.

There was some indication that President Carter, or his Government, were opposed to the Japanese shipping any fuel for reprocessing to Europe. He wished he had more confidence that the question of waste disposal was being pursued with the urgency that was necessary. Unless this was necessary. Unless this was resulved, the future nuclear programme was dust.
It could just he that nuclear
energy might be the only possible
way to fill the energy gap. The

need to maintain options in this neld was important. The option of nuclear power would not be kept unless research into waste was pursued much more actively. Mr Arthur Palmer (Bristol, North-East, Lab) said nuclear and coal stations were not compenitive, but complementary. Coal mining was likely to decline through lack of miners and towards the end of the century oil and natural gas sup-plies from the North Sea were likely to be exhausted; hence a

large nuclear capacity could be expected by then. file had worked in a coal-fired power station and knew from expe-rience that it was still more dan-gerous to life and limb to work in one than in the relatively calm. austere atmosphere of a nuclear reactor station.

If extreme environmentalists wanted to do without nuclear power they should be consistent power they should be consistent and work on desert islands for 14 burns a day growing their own food. Even brown bread and san-dals sold at Marks and Spencers needed electricity to make them. Mr Hugh Fraser (Stafford and Stone, C) said Mr Benn must tell the House soon what the energy policy of this country was going to be over the next 20 years. A deci-sion should also be taken soon on ways to keep export of nuclear fuel, plant and machinery effec-

Mr Robin Cook (Edinburgh, Central, Lab) said a report of the Committee on Public Accounts, re-ferring to BNFL's finances, said the programme should not go ahead unless there were good pro-pects, carefully assured, of a fully adequate return, bearing in mind the degree of commercial risk in-volved. It was clear the only people who were going to take a commercial risk were the public and the taxpayers.

There were strong grounds for doubting the economics of reprocountry had pur a large amount of investment into the nuclear industry. They were reaching the point where the Concorde syndrome was in danger of serting in

plutonium be transpo the United Kingdom suitable for making a home-made bomb.

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dustry in Britain was and the argument ove cessing programming of the iceberg. If the the reprocessing fac shead, logically they w nuclear industry in Br Mr Trevor Skeet (Bed that with the long le volved in setting up Government's policy decision-making holid ing the problems w

themselves in the m irresponsible and national interest. Mr Hamish Grav. at spokesman on energy Cromarty, C) said the in Scotland and Wales waste. But it was wr which might stir up ar Mr Alexander Eadie, tary for Energy (Mid) said the House would

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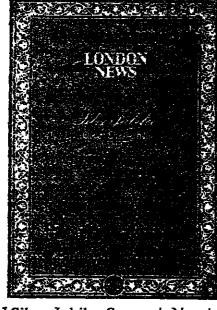
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Dossier being compiled on | Defeat on headed notepaper and they are in marriage

House of Lords The Statue Law (repeals) Bill was read a second time.

The Marriage (Scotland) Bill was considered on report.
On Clause 8 (Persons who may solemnize marriage), Lord Macleod of Fuinary moved an amendment to include ministers of the Established Church of Scot-

land to those clergymen prescribed by Government regulations entitled to solemnize marriages. He said the purpose was to bring level the established Church of Scotland with the established Church of England in the matter of

the state's relationship to the two established churches. Lord Kirkhill, Minister of State, Scottish Office, said there was no established Church of Scotland, No practical advantage would result from the amendment. It was not the intention of the

Government to alter or denigrate the status of the Church of Scotland now or in the future. The Government did not see the Bill as making any alteration in the making any alteration in the church's status generally or in regard to its authority in matters of marriage.

Lady Elliot of Harwood (C) said that what Lord Kirkhill was saying was that the recognition of the established Church of Scotland was

established Church of Scotland was not a fact of history. It was, How-ever much it was left out of an Act of Parliament, it was in fact already in history. Lord Kirkhill said he was trying to draw a distinction betwen the marriage practice in the Church of England and that which obtained in the Church of Scotland. The Government considered that

The Government considered that to make the distinction would divide the religious bodles into three categories, the Church of Scotland, those specified under the regulations and those not specified under the regulations. The Government wished to livide them into two categories, exempt from registration

which meant exemption from the rules about marriage ceremonies, and those not exempt. and mose not exempt.

Lord Campbell of Croy (C), for
the Opposition, said there would
be a three-tier structure in any
case because of the unique position
of the Church of Scotland. The amendment deserved to be supported.
The amendment was carried by

121 votes to 43, majority against the Government—78. The report stage was concluded.

NHS facing problems realistically

secretary of State for Sucial Ser-rices (Norwich, North, Lah) seld during questions about the appointment of outside public rela-tions consultants by regional health authorities.

Dr Gerard Vaughan, Opposition spokesman on the social services (Reading, South, C), asked if Mr Ennals agreed with the view of the Royal College of Surgeons that low morale was one of the problems in the NHS.

Public relations officers the said) will not be the answer but a better relationship between the minister and the health service Mr Ennals—I am not going to comment on all the published evi-dence to the royal commission but I am getting a little tired of evi-dence which starts off with a state-ment that the Health Service is on the belief of director in the start.

brink of disaster. It is in no

There are major problems which the NHS is having to face and it is

trying to face them realistically. No service is performed for the NHS or patients by exaggerating such a situation.

Air Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South. Lab)—The previous administration paid £250,000 to a firm of consultants. McKinsey, for their services on the reorganization of the Health Service. That reorganization has

been an unmitigated disaster and the firm now say they gave the wrong advice.

Would the minister seek to get the £250,000 back for the taxpayer? (Labour cheers.)

Mr. Ennals—I thought it was remarkable that the firm that assisted the former Secretary of State. Sir Reith Joseph, in his efforts to reorganize the NHS have recognized that it was a disaster When we hear Conservative MP: criticizing the expenditure on administration within the Health Service, we have to recognize it was they who imposed the extent on us. (Labour cheers.)

I am not going to accept criticism from them. I am having to fight hard the squeeze of the immediate management costs within the efficient administration of the Health Service. I have not heard a soul defend the position the previous minister took up.

He added-I have not sought to criticize every aspect of the re-organization of the NHS. It is true that planning can more effectively be done as a result of conganiza-tion. We knew on our side that the Health Service needed to be reorganized.

The time may come when a fur-ther change will have to be made. But it would be very unwise for any Secretary of State now to try to throw the service into some new traumatic reorganization. It would not be in the interests of the natients. Mr John Gilbert, Minister of State

for Defence, in a written reply, said the Oueco's Silver tubiled medal was expected to be awarded to some 9.000 members of the armed forces. Merit and length of service would be among the criteria which would be applied. Some of the medals would be awarded to personnel raking part in the Jubilee ceremonies.

Trebling public spending on mobility for disable The review of the level of the Mr Dafydd Wigley (C ."

mobility allowance will be a uried out in adequate time to introduce the new increase from November, Air Alfred Morris, Minister for the Disabled (Manchester, Wythenshowe, Lab) said during question time. Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C) had

asked—When the allowance is in-creased, will it be sufficient to take care of the substantial inflation in travel costs? Will it be safricie it to assist disabled people to acquire a car?

Mr Morris—I cannot anticipate
the review. We have said repeatedly that we loose to maintain the real value of the allowance, and, if possible, to increase

[cannot no further than the Secretary of State's letter to dis-abled drivers. I am closely in rough to the Central Council for the Disabled about their consideration of arrangements to help distilled drivers who want to purchase cars on their own.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (C Cymru)—There is g with the upper limit lity allowance scher delay in allowing it f to 60 or 65. There is to allow it to peol Particularly in rura mobility allowance is even more so for thos Mr Morris—This is i. is—an essential beaefi is—an essential beaefi all kinds of pressure those people who wa the age range, include increase the amount ance immediately. We are in the proce

public expenditure on the disabled. I will to help as many disable; possible to improve the Mr Morris—There are applications being probehalf of children group. The benefit with them from April 13.

Parity in divorce for Ulster

such situation.

Lord Dunieath (C) moved the second reading of the Divorce Reform (Northern Ireland) Bill which he said sought parity of the law in Northern Ireland with that in England since the passing of the Divorce Reform Act, 1969, in England, an Act which nad been reasonably satisfactory.

The Bill, like the 1969 Act, did

reasonably satisfactory.

The Bill, like the 1969 Act, did not make divorce cheaper or of less consequence. It provided an opportunity for reconciliation, tried to cut out accusations and acromony and to reduce the risk of physical violence when a marriage had been broken but could not be resolved. Lord Melchett. Minister of State for Northern Ireland , and the report of the Standing Advisory

expected to come during the spring. While the Government were awaiting those views they did not oppose the principle of this Bill, or underestimate its value. They welcomed it. Lord Simon of Glaisdale, a Lord of

Appeal, said that he was tor many years president of the divorce divi-sion in England. This Bill, like its predecessor in 1969, was the embodiment of humbug and injus-tice. It recapitulated a number of old grounds and added to them the right of a man to repudiate his wife because she had ceased to find favour in his eyes after he had deserted her for five years and then deemed it to be a breakdown of marriage.

substituted breakdown of marriage as the sole ground for divorce. The Sill claimed it was doing something which it was not.

The long Ethe stated that it facilitated reconciliation. Similar provisions in the 1969 Act had proved doed dotter. It was accomplished.

that after eight years in which a providing that after eight years in which a provision had been proved to be a dead letter it was seriously put forward in the long title and claimed as a merit of the Bill.

The Bill if enacted would actively vely encourage one-parent families by enabling a man to repudiate his wife after five years' separation even though she had stood by her marriage in every way and no com-plaint could be made against her

plaint could be made against her.

The Bill was read a second time.

Stopping evil men getting detonators or building u Viscount Brookeborough, moving the second reading of the Detona-tors Bill, said that the legislation controlling the manufacture, distribution and use of explosives was the 1875 Explosive Substances Act.

There was a strong case for rewriting that Act with equal emphasis on safety and security. This Bill did not attempt to do that. It was a modest first step but if its principles were accepted it would be an important move. It would rake it a little more difficult for evil men to procure detonators. The Bill made mandatory and

extended the existing overt geogra-phical marking of a detonator at the point of manufacture and made it mandatory to keep detailed

records of what happened to det-

Lord Barris of Greenwich, Minister of State, Home Office, said that the proposals in the Bill, atmough well intentioned, were unucles:

Premises where explosives inciuding detonators were made and kept were inspected by HM laspectors of Explosives and local auth-orities. The police were always consulted about security consider-

All aspects of the security of explosives were kept under review. Security controls could and would be introduced if necessary under the powers which existed under the Hesith and Safety at Work Act, 1074.

detonators.

Existing statutory of United Kingdom alres, substantial proportion to possis in the Bill which the keeping of records aiready available were deal with the problem.
The Bill was read.

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continued, they must their possibilities of it by deadening caution, Let us (he said) is considered that the it task facing the Com-is for the Commission ward its proposals for n's farm prices. The gricultural policy had said, been one of the so of the Community becoming increasingly nless rapid action was

cy had helped conenjoy secure supplies ers' stable markets, but also realize that the threatened as never netary fluctuations had he single market and nd lack of outlets limis rightly insisted that miy's policies for agri-at be consistent with its nomic objectives, and with the overriding ombat inflation. Prothis year's farm prices ramed in this context. doubt that the prudent ld be one of price mod-

s submitting price pro-continued) we must deeply at the under-ms in agriculture. The I questions are clear, we assure stable mar-air incomes for pro-1 at the same time amplies at reasonable

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building on the tripartite con-ference initiative of last year.

Together with the council we have to forge practical links between the predominantly national economic policy of indi-vidual countries: to provide soundly-based technical solutions to Europe's economic problems: and to underpin these solutions by consensus not only between gov-eraments but between the interest

groups concerned.

The work of analysis and coordination was only a beginning.

It must be supported by the selective intervention of the Community in the European economy as a whole.

One of the first steps the new

commission took was to organize its portfolios so as to assure a proper policy coordination and budgetary control of the existing funds, the present tools were of

funds, the present tools were of two kinds.

First, there were structural instruments, the regional and social funds and the European Investment Bank. Second, there were loans to assist in balance of payments financing.

Proposals will soon be made the said to seem to be made.

Proposals will soon be made (he said) to renew the regional and social funds, but these funds provide only small openings into two of our fundamental policy priorities. We must see regional policy not just as a matter of renewing and spending a tiny regional fund, but as one of the main dimensions of Community economic policy as a whole: by the same token, social and employments policy go much wider

the same token, social and employments policy go much wider than the social fund.

Further initiatives are therefore needed as well. In the first place, the Commission undertakes to devise a general policy to concentrate its present and future financial resources on the central problem of economic divergence. But that is not, in itself, enough on the one hand. The existing funds are extremely small—both absolutely, and in comparison with the sums spent by the member states on similar by the member states on similar purposes. For example, the Com-munity's regional and social funds are operating at rates of around one-sixth to one-tenth of national expenditure in the same field. The funds are also restricted by narrow

and rigid criteria. On the other hand we have a Community loan mechanism which has proved itself useful in the past, but which has been designed to deal essentially with balance of payments problems.

I believe that between these two kinds of financial activity there is a gap which must be filled if the Community is to be of genuine help to its weaker economies. We must devise a more diver-sified and flexible means of res-ponding to the urgent needs of various parts of the Community economy—a means which takes account of the fact that the underlying causes of cyclical problems are often structural. We need the means to enable the root causes of

vigorously but flexibly. We shall work out our deas and consult member states about how they can best be put into effect. they can best be put into effect.

A solution could not be found overnight, but nor could they choose deliberately a long delay before action. The blunt truth was that there is no costless way of mastering the forces of divergence. But the weaker economies should not be helped unconditionally. As the Community funds were developed, the Community must seek methods of ensuring that the proper disciplines were observed.

That did not alter the central

That did not alter the central fact. If economic union was to be more than a phrase, both the richer and the poorer nations of

richer and the poorer nations of the Community must accept the reality of the Community's role. The third area in which a new advance was needed was industrial policy. Europe's industry was the principal creator of wealth and the role of the Community was to create conditions in which manu-

facturing industry and commerce could prosper. They must pursue the practical work of removing barriers to trade through harmonizing company law. competition law, and taxes, but they should not indulge in a bureaucratic game of harmonization, sake tion for harmonization's sake. Unless we can be sure (he said)

that our proposals will lead to more trade, and better conditions for producers or consumers, there is no point in making them. The Community also had a role to play in industries such as tex-tiles and footwear which were in difficulties because of increased competition from the third world. Here it had a double responsibility.

At a different level, it had an even more important role in advanced technology—the aircroft and computer industries provided two obvious spectacular examples—but there were others examples—out mere were others where the private sector could not undertake investment on the necessary scale, where state intervention was therefore indispensable, and where common action promised significant economies of scale

A Community strategy for these

A Community strategy for these sectors was urgently required, and one of the main priorities of industrial policy would be to achieve such a strategy.

Fourthly, the Community must develop a coordinated energy policy. At a time of expensive energy, the Community must face up to the need for conservation and increased self-sufficiency. This required the development of new energy sources, where risks could be great and investment losts high.

The JET thermonuclear fusion The JET intermonuclear fusion project which the Commission was impatient to see agreed provided perhaps the best example. The interests of the European taxpayer of today demanded a quick decision and the interests of the European citizen of tomorrow

pean citizen of t demanded a positive one. At the same time, it should give a lead in developing a Community strategy for handling the fission nuclear energy problems, in partic-ular in emphasizing its concern for nuclear safety.

Fifthly, the Commission must help in attacking the problem of structural unemployment. The broad decisions which determined

total demand were matters for the member states. The Commission should do all in its power to per-suade them to coordinate their policies so as to achieve a balanced ment which it could not fulfil. ment which it could not fulfil.

Structural unemployment was a different matter. Full employment could not be achieved simply by stimulating demand, and an unacceptably high-level of unemployment might well persist, at any rate in the more vulnerable areas and among the more vulnerable groups of workers, even when economic recovery was running strongly.

Here they would try to provide coordinated labour market policies throughout the Community, working closely with the member governments and both sides of industry.

Community policies must help.

Community policies must help directly to improve the lot of the citizen.

In our concern with the great issues of economic and industrial policy (he said), we must never forget the overriding need to carry the people of Europe with us. If they fall to see the need for company solutions to see the need for company solutions to see the need for company to the company to the company of the company to the compa mon solutions to common prob-lems, then common solutions will not, in the end, be adopted. not, in the end, be adopted.

If they fall to recognize that the general interest of the Community can transcend the particular interests of the member states, then the general interest of the Community will not prevail. But a sense of common European identity cannot be fostered by exhortation. We must make the Community a practical reality in terms of everyday life.

terms of everyday life. The Commission had a duty to The Commission had a duty to ensure that the Community lived up to the ideals on which its civilization was based—to protect the environment against the dangers of immegulated industrial growth, to protect the weak against exploitation, to safeguard individual freedom and to enhance opportunity.

(be said), and where our member states can act alone effectively and consistently we should not attempt to duplicate.

In the period leading up to the direct election of the European Parliament, these practical, often detailed, proposals had a special importance. It was too soon to tell exactly what the role of a directly elected Parliament would be, or precisely what effect direct elections would have on its relationship with the other institutions of the Community. But some things ship with the other institutions of the Community, but some things were dear.

were clear.

As the Community developed and the Community hudger increased in size, the need for direct democratic accountability became

democratic accountability became steadily more pressing. The old principle of no taxation without representation could not be fully honoured by an indirectly elected assembly, however scrupulously it discharged its responsibilities.

To deny the need for direct elections at this stage in the Community's history was to deny one of the fundamental axioms of

representative democracy.

Direct elections would in themselves help to foster a sease of common identity among the elec-tors. The members returned in these elections would come as Europeans. They would seek to promote the interests of their con-stituents at a European, rather than at a national level, and would base their claim to reelection on their performances in a European, rather than in a national, forum.

rather than in a national, forum.

The Commission had two clear objectives: to ensure that each voter was aware of the ways in which his own life was affected by decisions taken at Community level and of the way in which he could affect the rendency of those decisions by casting his vote and ensuring that the Commission was aware of the attitudes and aspirations of of the attitudes and aspirations of

We cannot proclaim a European ideal and a European solution (he said) and yet refuse to let European countries anxious and democratically qualified to join from

participating in it. The Community could take pride The Community could take pride in the fact that there were applicants at its door: it was a sign that it was a rallying point for democracy and for economic advance, but the prospects of enlargement also presented it with responsibility and difficulty. Our talks with applicant countries have (he said) to be carefully planned to face overly the major problems which enlargement will present both for the Community

The Community must strengthen itself in order to support further enlargement. We must be ready and sympathetic to letting the building grow, but we must not

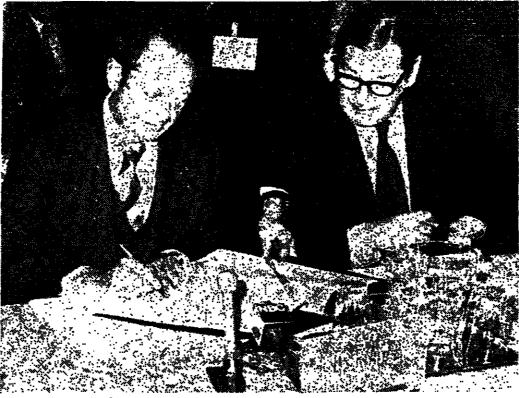
and for applicant countries.

By basing future talks or grounds of realism and perspective they would be more likely to make a genuine and effective contribution to European unity. The Com-mission would be sympathetic to enlargement but would insist that the problems be faced and not

glossed over. They had to strike a difficult and delicate balance. They must not promise what they could not achieve, but they must not limit the real possibilities of achievement by a deadening caution or an material to lift their sights.

We want our deeds to be a little better than our words (he concluded). Let us always do more than we promise to do. In this way the great institutions we represent will be in a real and practical sense the means by which we go forward. the means by which we go forward, the very engine of Europe.

WEST EUROPE



Mr Yigal Allon (left), Israel's Foreign Minister, signs "with heavy heart" in Brussels yesterday as Mr Crosland, President of the EEC Council of Ministers, looks on.

Israel signs 'unsatisfactory' EEC aid pact after strong protest

In a speech strikingly shorn of diplomatic niceries, Mr Yigal Allon, Israel's Foreign Minister, today told his EEC counterparts that he was sign-ing a new financial aid agreement between his country and the Community "with a heavy

heart." The agreement, which provides for up to 30m units of account (about £18m) to be made available to Israel in loans from the European Investment Bank over the next five years, was described by Mr Allon as "very limited in its extent and unsatisfactory in its terms

Israel had been entitled to hope, he said, that the sum put at our disposal for investment needs would have borne some direct relationship to our negative trade balance with the Community" and also "preserved an appropriate proportion in relation" to the aid made available to other coun-

Mr Allon was referring to the series of preferential trade which the EEC has signed with a string of Arab countries.

Irish President

seeks investors

from Germany

much more generous than the agreement signed with Israel, justifiably reflecting, in the EEC's view, the greater needs

of the Arab nations. Despite all its scientific and social achievements, Mr Allon told the Nine, Israel was "still a developing country and is contending with difficult contending with problems problems of development, security and the absorption of immigrants". The new agreement had failed to provide an answer to these problems.

Despite a reduction of 25 per cent in the current year his country's trade deficit still stood at \$2,000m (about £1,176m) and "a large part of this is accounted for by the nature of our trade with the Community". Israel was importing twice as much from the EEC as it exported to it. imbalance which the EEC would not tolerate in its own

trade relations. Mr Allon also warned the EEC that its dialogue with the Arab countries should not seek to "deal with the problem of the Israel-Arab conflict in the danger, that the dialogue might become a politically

dangerous tool which would diminish, not enhance, the role of Europe in the Middle East in various ways.".

The timing of these uncompromising remarks was hardly accidental. Later this week the general commission of the socalled Euro-Arab dialogue, which brings together senior officials of both sides, meets in Tunis, ostensibly to discuss plans for greater commercial and economic cooperation between Arab League countries

and the Community. The Nine have, however, been under constant pressure from the Arabs to bring political questions within the scope of the dialogue. So far this pressure has been resisted by the EEC, but Israel evidently fears that the Community's resolution may be weakening.

Today's financial aid proto-col was the missing element in a preferential trade agreement signed by the EEC and Israel in 1975. Much to Israel's annoyance at the time, the Community decided to postcomponent until after negotiations on similar agreements with various Arab had been completed.

Doubts on neutrality of Spanish forces remain

From Our Correspondent

quite satisfied the doubters.

In an interview with the res-

armed forces "unbiased spec-tators of the political process".

Earlier in the day, the morning

rez Mellado, the military Vice-Premier. In this he referred to

This evening's arcicle carried this admission by the chief of

the "obligation of neutrality

of the armed forces.

Portugal cuts

newspapers

From Our Correspondent Lisbon, Feb 8

The size of Portuguese state

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be reorganized.

Cologne, Feb 8.—President Hillery of Ireland told German industrialists here today that West Germany would get priority for industrial invest-Madrid, Feb 8 New assurances given here power by me Army chiei staff of the "neutrality" of the ment in Ireland. Spanish armed forces in the face In a speech to the federation of the democratic reforms being carried out by King Juan

of German Industries he said Ireland was looking increas-ingly to West Germany for further investment. "The priority which it is in-

tended to give to the Federal Republic in this regard is demonstrated by the expansion here of the activities of the Industrial Development authority", he told leading executives of German industry. President Hillery, who is on

a state visit here, said Ireland offered German firms the advantages of a stable democracy and an economic and social environment favourable to foreign investors. They were also given very substantial in-centives, he added.

Earlier the President and Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Foreign Minister, had talks with Herr Schmidt, the Chan-cellor, and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minis-

A Bonn Foreign Ministry communiqué said the two ministers dealt particularly with plans for direct elections to a European Parliament in 1978. They agreed that the pro-cess of European unification must be pursued despite the disparities between community's nine member states.—Reuter.

Jeanne Moreau married Paris, Feb 8.- Jeanne Moreau. the French film actress, who is 49, was married in Paris today to William Friedkin, aged 38, the American producer of The French Connection and The

Crosland, the Foreign Secretary,

agreed to tell Dr Soares that while they welcome his coun-

try's political commitment to Europe, solutions will have to be found for economic, social, financial and agricultural prob-

lems before entry negotiations

staff: "In exceptional circum-stances, the Army might fill a power vacuum, but it would never displace the legitimate

In view of constant rumblings about discontent in the Army, Navy and Air Force and low morale in police ranks, that assurance was not as comforting as many might have wished. Carlos' Government have not Worriers pointed out that the military of any country would hardly attempt any action pected evening paper Infor-maciones, Lieutenant General José Vega Rodríguez called the against existing authority without first declaring that authority to be illegitimate.

Madrid, Feb 8.—The Governpapers had also given promi-nent headlines to a speech delivered yesterday by Lieu-tenant General Mañuel Gutiér-

ment tonight took a big step towards legalizing most political parties but gave itself the right to refer doubtful cases, presumably the Communist Party, to the Supreme Court. A decree approved by Cabinet meeting said that political parties would no longer have to be approved by the Interior Ministry.-Reuter.

Strikers ordered back to work in Holland

The Hague, Feb 8

A judge in Utrecht tonight ordered Dutch trade unions to suspend strike action at four meat processing factories for a cooling off period of 16 days, after which unions and employees must report to him on ployers must report to him on progress made towards negotia-

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It was the second success for employers rying to get Dutch industry back to normal. Last friday, the dairy industry suc-cessfully warded off strike action planned for yesterday by obtaining a similar order from the same judge.

During an emergency debate in Parliament tonight, forced by the Liberal opposition, mini-sters said that the Government had no intention of interfering at this stage in the present spreading industrial conflict. Another emergency debate will be held on Thursday, this time at the demand of the Com-munist Party, which objects to

court interference. Today was the second day of what promises to be a long and bitter industrial battle. About 13,000 workers are on strike but many thousands more are office as a result. All ferry services to Britain are affected, with only the British Rail ships on the Harwich-Hook of Holland

Rozenburg, near Rotterdam, closed this afternoon after the

closed this afternoon after the unions called out the 1,800 employees, allowing only those needed to run down the chemical works safely to remain.

In the ports, tug boat sympathy action prevented ships leaving. Two ships which left without tug aid, the Stellenbosch and the Leiff Ericson, were blacked in Antwerp when they tried to unload. The Dutch they tried to unload. The Dutch are informing the British unions via the International Transport Federation of ships which have been re-routed from Dutch to

British ports.

For the first time, the Dutch For the first time, the Dutch were confronted today by lockours. The unions intend to challenge in court the right of employers to lock out those willing to work. The right to strike has not been established in Dutch law, and the unions argue that lockouts are therefore also illeral.

fore also illegal.

Several important provincial newspapers and some weeklies will not be published tomorrow because of printing strikes.
Public transport in Rotterdam and Amsterdam was paralysed until 10 am today. The unions are demanding full automatic compensation in the 1977 wage agreement for the rise in the cost of living.

This right has been built into wage agreements since 1964, but this year the employers oute in service. have refused to pay compen-ICPs chemical works at sation automatically.

Presidential rebuke for **French Communists**

Paris, Feb 8 President Giscard d'Estaing, in a hard-hitting speech tonight at Ploermel, on the last lap of his tour of Brittany, said he would not let anyone tamper with the institutions of the Fifth Republic.

"It is not for the secretarygeneral of the Communist Party to dictate to the President of the Republic what he should do in the event of the left coming to power", he declared. He was referring to M Marchais's recent statement that if the left won the parliamentary elections next year, the President would have to "sub-

mit or resign".
"I have the constitution on my side and hat is quite sufficient", he said. Earlier, in a speech at Vannes, M Giscard d'Estaing

spoke of the maritime vocation of France. He said thaat the extension of territorial waters to 200 miles, the progress of fisheries, the potential of aquaculture, all showed that France would soon

have a real "agriculture of the He announced measures to police.

spread pollution of the Breton coast which occurred when a German tanker went aground

last vear. Within six months, off Ushant and in vulnerable areas, shipping will be restricted to com-pulsory lanes. Territorial waters and coasts will be more closely watched, and there will be more buoys, radar equipment, and other control apparatus to ensure better respect of traffic regulations. France will also participate in an international fund to combat oil slick.

Finally, the Government will propose to its partners in the Community the launching of a common research programme to improve the techniques for combating pollution.

At Vannes, as at Quimper yesterday, there were few people on the streets. About 1,000 demonstrators carrying placards and trade union banners paraded through the centre of the town, shouting slogans such as "We're fed up with the Barre plan". They tried to force their way past barriers in front of the rown hall but were held back by riot

Sale of Giscard masks banned at carnival

Paris, Feb 8

The decision to forbid the sale of masks with the effigy of President Giscard d'Estaing during the carnival which opens in Nice this week, has caused widespread surprise and adverse comment.

On Sunday the police went through all the stalls in the town and confiscated the offending masks. They did not however, object to those with the effigy of M Poniatiwski, the Minister of the Interior, or other political leaders. But today the authorities announced that the ban applied

From Our Own Correspondent tical, military, or religious personality. They based themselves on an order issued on January by the mayor of Nice forbidding all fancy dress which had political, religious, or military significance.

Such an order is issued every vear by the committee organizing the carnival But M Jacques Médecin, the mayor and State Secretary for Tourism, said he was not in favour of banning carnival masks with the effigy of political leaders.

He put the blame for the ban on the prefectual authorities. The prefecture lays the responsibility at the door of the municipality.

Court declines to rule in Danish press dispute federation of Employers, acting on behalf of the newspaper

From Our Correspondent Copenhagen, Feb 8 A court declined today to issue a provisional ruling on the

aided newspapers has been restricted to 12 pages of news for broadsheets and 16 pages for tabloids.

Dr Manuel Alegre, Minister of Social Communication, announced yesterday that the newspapers had prepared for publication tomorrow but the magistrates' court found the vhole Portuguese press would The morning newspaper
O Século and the three reviews

case too complicated for immediate ruling.
A spokesman for the newspapers said tonight that this meant the proposals submitted by the unions and the management at today's hearing would require further consideration.

We do not expect to be able to bring out a newspaper for another week now, and this will take us beyond the general election next Tuesday, February 15", he added. At today's hearing the Con-

management, asked the court to order the printing unions to instruct their members to end dispute which has prevented publication of Denmark's the deliberate obstruction which leading morning newspaper, Br.

The editorial staff of both prevented the printing unions to end instruct their members to end the deliberate obstruction which amounted to an unofficial strike and had deprived the management of its authority.

In a counter claim the unions asked for the management to

be fined for operating an unofficial lockout and ordered to open negotiations with the shop ences. Both sides urged the court to make a provisional rul-ing today so that the news-papers could be published again The management of the two newspapers wish to introduce new technology in order to reduce their losses, expected to be between £3m and £4m this year.

An estimated 300 of the 1,000 print workers would lose their jobs under the new scheme.

Extra time for trespassing

Soviet trawlers

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Feb 8
The EEC decided tonight to give a few more days' grace to the Soviet Union to apply for licences for at least 60 fishing boats which are now operating illegally inside Community waters, mainly British.

Last month the Russians were offered licences for 27 named vessels, of which no more than 17 would be allowed to fish in the EEC's 200-mile zone at any one time. The 10 days which the Russians were given to apply for licences expired last night.

Answer on paper to prison escapes

Rome, Feb 8 .- A left wing senator has asked the Italian Government to introduce paper bedsheets in all prisons to stop inmates from escaping by tying sheets into ropes.—AP.

UN plan for clean Mediterranean

From Our Correspondent

Arhens, Feb 8 The United Nations Environment Programme has proposed a set of 15 broad principles for the protection of the Mediterranean against pollution from land-based sources. The prin-ciples will serve as a starting

The UNEP draft is being discussed by delegates from 16 of the 18 Mediterranean coastal states at a series of private meetings in Athens this week. Albania and Syria are not rep-

Annexed to the draft proto-col is a "black list" of seven groups of chemical substances whose discharge in the Mediter-

hibited. These include mercury, oils and radioactive

of less toxic substances which could be dumped into the sea with authorization from states concerned regarding the locaion, manner, and frequency of

the resolve of the coastal countries to "adopt in close cooperation with themselves and with the competent groups of the United Nations system, a co-ordinated programme for the control of pollution in the Mediterranean emanating from

If the working paper is approved by the 16 countries. they will proceed to the pledge themselves "to take all appropriate measures to pre-vent, abate, and progressively eliminate the pollution of the Mediterranean sea that comes from land-based sources in their territories."

The agreement will not provide for sanctions since there would be no international force to impose them. But UNEP officials are confident that the governments themselves have a vested interest in keeping pollution to a minimum in a

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develop its own resources; they needed to economize sensibly, and to make sure that as a result of these steps the solidarity which was needed was brought about. They could not afford a repetition of the shameful situation which occurred in 1974.

Indigenous sourcew had to be developed. North Sea oil would help but would not be enough. By 1985 solar energy would provide 3 per cent of what was needed and geothermal energy 1 per cent. That rook them hads to coal and nuclear took them back to coal and nuclear took them back to coal and nuclear energy. But the coal situation was bad. It was only available at an economic price in Britain.

The Commission was putting for-

There needed to be a joint plan for fuel saving and proposals would be put to the Coulcil of Ministers which were a sittle more than wearing long underpants. The proposals had to be dove

The guarded tone reflects serious differences within the Community over the implica-tions of Portugal's imminent tailed to reflect the interests of all member states and the govern-ments must recognize that without application. The EEC is already engaged in entry negotiations a modicum of solidarity all would respond to an approach from

can begin.

Lisbon's entry application

connected with it, were sus-pended for 90 days today for the entire publishing house to be reorganized. Employees will

receive full pay during the sus

to get qualified welcome

From Our Own Correspondent Spain before the end of the year. EEC foreign ministers decided here today to give a heavily qualified welcome to the application to join the Community which Dr Soares, Portu-Britain and West Germany appear to be most strongly in favour of Portuguese member-ship, believing the the political benefits of bringing Portugal's fledgling democracy within the EEC greatly outweigh the economic problems involved. gal's Prime Minister, is expec-ted to submit when he begins a tour of European capitals in London on February 14 and 15. The Council of Ministers, under the chairmanship of Mr

> severe competition to their southern French and Italian counterparts. Other member states, such as Ireland, are worried about the impact of further enlargement the future development of the EEC's institutions. In particular the Irish feel that there must be greater recourse to

France and Italy are much more concerned about the economic questions, especially as the Portuguese negotiations could set a precedent for Spain, whose farmers would provide severe competition to their convention.

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It had been hoped that by 1985 nuclear energy would produce 13 per cent of the Communy's needs. This would not now be obtained. The figure was more likely to be 9 per cent.

Mozambique's rulers mix their Marxism with economic realism

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The final and "decisive"

phase will be the establishment

equality" and raise the political consciousness of the

aim was to restore the levels of agricultural and industrial

production by 1980 to those

prevailing in 1973—a realistic (if modest) objective bearing

in mind the problems the country faces. In particular he hopes to reduce food imports, which he estimated at about

For a Marxist party the

economic directives are not as

degree of free enterprise will

will continue to have a role so

long as it coincides with the

party's objectives. Furthermore for the moment there is to be

no rigid economic plan but rather a series of general

objectives.
Similarly, the party's inter-

national orientation may not prove to be quite as strongly

never referred directly to the

Soviet Union or its allies when pledging Mozambique's support

for the struggle against "colonialism, racism, neo-colonialism and imperialism".

The push for closer ties seems

to be stronger in Moscow, East Berlin and Havana than per-

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Mr Dos Santos said the main

heavy industry which,

From Nicholas Ashford

Maputo, Feb 8

The process of building a conomy will be based firstly on agriculture, which provides socialist society in Mozambique a living for 90 per cent of the will be a long and difficult population. Emphasis will be task, Mr Marcelino Dos Santos, laid on the construction of vice-president of the ruling communal villages and the Frelimo movement, told the establishment of cooperative party's third congress which farms. has just ended in Maputo. The

He is Frelimo's chief economic policy-maker and this ex- dustry and, more particularly, pression of economic realism, the reactivation of industries which preceded the announcement of a relatively moderate independence and the mass and undoctrinaire list of econo- departure of Portuguese techmic directives, was a refresh-nicians. rhetoric at the congress.

It could be an indication that despite the public espou- according to Mr Dos Santos, sal of Marxist-Leninist doc- will "create conditions of real trines. Frelimo's approach to the task of national reconstruction may be more pragmatic masses

Whether this pragmatism will extend to other spheres remains to be seen. But judg-ing by the pronouncements at the congress, Frelimo has emerged as a Marxist party in the Soviet mould dedicated to the development of "scientific the development of socialism" at home and to the expansion of "the world antiimperialist front " abroad. Unlike other Marxist-in-

clined parties in Africa, which ruthlessly anti-capitalistic as end to be mass organizations, Frelimo, like the communist parties of East Europe, will be an elitist "vanguard party", embracing only the most highly morivated activists.

Candidates wanting to join the party will have to fulfil fairly high standards. The masses will be encouraged to join one of its affiliate organizations. In this way will frelimo act as the driving force for the "alliance of workers and peasants" in Mozambique.

According to the party pro gramme, Frelimo's immediate objectives are the consolidation of independence achieved from Portugal 20 months ago, the destruction of capitalism and the exploitation of man by man, and the building of a political, material and ideological basis for socialism. The final objective is the construc-" new society

This is going to be achieved by an intensive campaign of political indoctrination and through an economic prothrough an economic pro-gramme which in practice will mean greater state participation in the main sectors of the

begun. Land and rented accommodation were taken over last year, education and health have already been nationalized and many factories and plan-tations which were abandoned by their Portuguese owners have effectively come under state control.

tonight on jubilee journey

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh leave Heathrow Airport, London, at 10.25 tonight for their six-week jubilee tour to Western Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Papua, New Gumea.

Queen leaves

Before joining the royal vacht Britannia on Thursday morning (local time) at Pago Pago, Eastern Samoa, they face 21 hours 15 minutes of flying. This excludes a one-hour wait when their British Airways 707 touches down at Los Angeles.

From Pago Pago it is a seven-hour cruise to Apia, in Western Samoa, where the celebrations will begin, with dancing, ceremonies and obli-gatory libations from the tradi-tional welcome cup, consisting of a potion called kava.

It is the Queen's first visit to Western Šamoa. Apia is thought to have been the setson's Treasure Island, and the residence of the head of state was once the author's home.

And so across the Inter-national Date Line to Tonga, an independent monarchy within the Commonwealth, whose monarch, King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV is probably the largest in the world, though he is said to have shed some four of his 20 stones as a jubilee year gesture.

After two days in Fiji, there will be a restrul three days at sea on the way to Auckland, New Zealand, where the Queen will be greeted on February 22 by Mr Muldoon, the Prime Minister, and Sir Denis Blun-dell, the Governor-General.

pro-Soviet as the presence of large numbers of Soviet block delegates at the congress seemed to suggest. Observers noted that Frelimo leaders It will be the Queen's fifth visit to New Zealand since her accession, and she will spend 10 relatively, informal strenuous days there working her way from north to south. The aim, as in Australia—where she arrives on March 8 for her sixth visit—is to be seen by the largest possible number of people.

One foreseeably delicate stage of the visit will occur in Canberra where Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General, has been the object of considerable public odium since he dissolved Mr Gough Whitlam's Labour government in November, 1975. The royal family has stu-

itself in the socialist camp and, with the eclipse of Chinese influence, the Sovier Union and diously kept out of this controits partners are Mozambique's versy, which has, however, made many Australians ponder towards pragmansm in econodeeply on the Queen's constitutional role in Australia. Her three weeks there—with four mic thinking should not be seen as an indication that the Marxist basis of the party will days in Papua, New Guineabe significantly diluted. Socia-lism is the ultimate goal and end in Perth on March 30. Six days in Canada are scheduled for mid-October, possibly fol-lowed by a visit to the Carib. adherence to Marxist-Leninist principles is the means by



Dr Waldheim inspecting war-torn Beirut yesterday before flying to Amman.

Waldheim arrival in Jordan

Amman, Feb 8.-Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary General, said today he might seek clarification of a statement in Brussels by Mr Yigal Allon, the Israel Foreign dinister, that his country had "no intention of giving the United Nations any role in peace negotiations in this area".

Dr Waldheim was answering questions at Amman airport after his arrival for two days of talks on reviving the Middle East peace conference at Geneva. He flies to Israel on

Official sources said the talks here would cover the political aspects of the Middle East issue, the Geneva conference and the parties that would attend it.

From Peter Hazelhurst

Recalling how Japan has

chieved its rapid economic

growth rate under the American defence umbrella, a senior

Japanese official downed his drink at a diplomatic cocktail

party the other day and said:

"The long calm days are over. We are about to enter the

He was referring to Presi-

dent Carter's decision to with-draw gradually the remaining

30,000 American ground troops

From outward appearances

both Japan and South Korea have accepted the announce-

ment with a show of calm res-

ignation. After his recent meeting with Vice-President

Mondale in Tokyo, Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, appeared unruffled

by the unequivocal statement confirming the planned with-drawal. He merely said in a

statement that Japan did not

intend to intervene in what it considered a bilateral issue be-

tween Seoul and Washington.

But behind the outward calm, both Japan and South Korea are seething with apprehension. A change in the mili-

tary balance on the Korean peninsula and a further reduc-tion of American forces in north-east Asia could force Japan, against its wishes, to

assume a greater responsibility assume a greater responsionly for the security of the area. The American withdrawal might persuade Japan to increase defence spending and

Tokyo, Feb 8

from South Korea.

Whether the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) should attend the conference is a lead-

ong issue.

Dr Waldheim is to meet Crown Prince Hassan at breakfast tomorrow, and then hold a lengthy discussion with King Husain. Dr Waldheim said at the air-

port that he had been assured by the Israel Government before he left New York "that they were looking forward to my visit and were interested in discussing the situation". Mr Allon's statement "did not change the attitude of Israel towards the United Nations". He said his impression was

that the leaders with whom he had talked so far—President Sadat of Egypt, King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, President Hafiz al-Assad of Syria and President Sarkis of Lebanon-were seriously interested in resuming the negotiating process as quickly as possible. They wanted, he said, "to

get down to the substance of

Japan's dilemma over security role

expand its armed forces, thus

provoking a sharp constitutional

and political controversy at

The Japanese Government fears that the lack of an

American military deterrent in

South Korea might encourage a communist onslaught. A con-

flict on the peninsula might result in a large influx of

South Korean refugees into

Japan's Defence Agency is

onally stationed in north-

already studying contingency plans to move Army units-

ern Japan-to the southern island of Kyushu, the closest

The American decision has

also cast a shadow over

Japan's vast economic interests

in South Korea. During the past 15 years Japan has poured £1,700m in loans and invest-

way trade between the coun-

tries is expected to reach £8,823m this year. Moreover, Japan has traditionally enjoyed

an annual trade surplus in the

region of between £1,100,000

that American forces would be withdrawn from South Korea

bility in the area has done lit-tle to assuage their fears.

point to South Korea.

Behind outward calm Seoul and Tokyo are

apprehensive over US troop withdrawal

home.

the problem and not just to procedural matters". King Husain has issued a

warning against over-optimism, lest it lead to a false impression that a solution to the Middle East problem is imminent. In an interview published here yesterday, the King said no solution could be achieved unless Jerusalem was returned

to Arab sovereignty.-Reuter. Cairo: A Soviet delegation headed by Mr Mikhail Sytenko, head of the Soviet Foreign Mini-stry's Middle East department, arrived here this afternoon for talks with Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials.

Observers noted that the delegation arrived at a moment when Soviet-Egyptian relations were extremely tense with the Egyptian press daily accusing the Communists of trying to overthrow the Government during last month's riots against price rises.—Agence France-Presse.

Leading article, page 15 | northern Front.

As one South Korean diplomat pointed out: "If logistic

and support troops are deducted, then the United States only maintains a fight-ing force of 20,000 men in South Korea. When you con-

sider the fact that our Army

has been raised to a strength of 560,000, the American units

have little bearing on the mili-tary balance. But they are an

important deterrent, a psycho-

logical factor which reminds

the communists that they will have to take on the United

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the proposed withdrawal would deter investment and retard

South Korea's economic growth

The South Korean diplomat said: "We will feel insecure in future. On paper the two

Koreans have been militarized with the objective of 'liberat-

On the other hand there is a show of bravado in South Korea. A South Korean busi-

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The diplomat claimed that

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ments into South Korea, which has emerged as its most lucrative market in Asia. The two-

Syrian advance star talk of war in Israel

From Eric Marsden Jerusalem, Feb 8

Unless the United States Government succeeds within the next few days in arranging for the withdrawal of Syrica troops from the Nabatiyeh area in southern Levanon, Israel's leaders will have to decide whether to ecquiesce in the Syrian Army's presence close to their frontier or take mili-

The Army chief of scelf, Lieurenaut-General Mordechai Gur, told a meeting of American fund-raisers in Jerusalem last night that for the past week Israel had been in "a time of decision-making" and several decisions had already been taken. He declined to elaborate.

General Gur also said that most Israelis hoped the crisis would be overcome, with all parties showing reasonableness. wisdom and convage; but they were also confident in their ability to safeguard national security.

decisions referred to by the chief of staff have been passed Ambassador in Washington, to Mr Vance, the Secretary of State whom he met last night. Mr Vance is reported to bave given an assurance that efforts would be made to speed up talks with the Syriams on the border dispute.

Earlier there had been disquiet here over suggestions from Washington that the United States did not expect the matter to be resolved until Mr Vance visits the Middle East next week. Two weeks ago, when the

Syrians moved several hundred men into Nabatiyeh, which kes north of the river Litani, about six miles from the Israel fron-tier, the Israel Government called for their withdrawal "within a few days". It claimed that the Syrian move was a breach of unofficial understandings reached in con-tacts through the Americans and amounted to a Syrian crossing of Israel's invisible "red line" of tolerance on the

Nabatiyeh as part of Arab paace force an reported that their to be to compel Palestin rilla units to surren beavy arms. Fowever no evidence that this

The remained unchanged. of endorsement of the move by President Lebenon and the reluctance of Wash put pressure on . Several ministers, inc Rabin, the Prime Mir Mr Peres, the Deter ter, have insisted Syrians must withdra The problem has bee fied because the developed while the election campaign w into full swing. ! warnings, instead of fined to diplomatic have been highlight press and on televisio The new American of State may there that on his first vi Middle East he wil act as mediator in crisis instead of out prospects for

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In brief

Soyuz links up with Salyut Moscow, Feb 8.—The Soyuz 24 spacecraft with two cosmo-nauts on board docked tonight

with the orbiting Salyut 5 space laboratory, one day after the The crew, mission commander

Viktor Gorbatko and flight engineer Yuri Glazkov, were feeling well and were carrying out their flight programme, Tass said. The docking was the first with Salyut 5 since its first crew completed a five-week stay

Post mortem verdict Hongkong, Feb 8.-A post

mortem examination on Mr William Crum, the China-born American businessman, whose body was found in his burnt-out home last Saturday, showed there were no suspicious cir-cumstances about his death,

Beached whales perish Mayport, Florida, Feb 8.— About 200 pilot whales threw

About 200 pilot whates threw themselves on to a beach near here and, despite a two-day rescue effort by marine officers and volunteers, nearly 80 have died. Scientists are conducting autopsies to find out why the whales came ashore. Warning on Namibia

Britain and the other members of the European Community have warned South

up an interim government in Namibia (South-West Africa) does not meet with their approval. Coup plot trial Marrakesh, Feb 8.—Seventeen

members of a Moroccan left wing opposition party, the Union Socialiste des Forces Populaires, have gone on trial here accused of plotting an attempted coup in March, 1973.

Minister quits

Brasilia, Feb 8.—Senhor Severo Gomes, Minister of Trade and Industry and one of Brazil's most controversial politicians, has resigned after calling for greater political

Sudan reshuffle near

Khartum, Feb 8.—President Nimeiry has relieved Sudan's Prime Minister and his Cabinet of their posts, but has asked them to continue until a new Cabinet is announced.

Plane lost in desert

Addis Ababa, Feb 8.—A Swedish light aircraft carrying an unnamed Briton, a Dane and a Swede is missing in Ethiopia's

Commitment to democracy in Gandhi manifesto

tendency

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi, Feb 8

The ruling Congress Party has pledged in its election manifesto that it will "pre-serve and consolidate democ-

which it will be reached.

racy".

The 5,000-word document, which Mrs Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, today issued personally, has reaffirmed that the party's destination is social-ism and that it will step up its war against poverty, disparities and social injustice.

Unlike the 1971 manifesto, it goes out of its way to promise that democracy will not be diluted. This is because of the attack the opposition has launched on what it calls the "authoritarian rule of Mrs Gandhi". The manifesto says that "the commitment of the Congress Party goes back to its very inception and its faith in democracy is absolute, irrevoc-

party but one representative of medical advice.

She spoke of the need for stability which did not mean one person staying in authority of fatigue and indisposition

An unconventional attempt

by Britain to penetrate Japan's

lucrative arms market was abandoned today when it became apparent that the Royal Navy support vessel Lyness,

which was due to arrive in

March with a display of military weapons and craft, has been denied access to all of

The proposed visit, which set

off a minor but embarrassing

diplomatic controversy, was officially called off this after-

noon when the British Embassy

in Tokyo announced that a request for berthing facilities for the Lyness had been with-

British diplomats have con-

ceded that selecting Tokyo, a well known stronghold of

Japan's anti-militarist move-ment, as the original site for

a blatant exhibition of arms sales, was a diplomatic blunder.

Last month, Mr Ryokichi Minobe, the Governor of Tokyo, a committed pacifist, rejected

the request for a berth on the ground that the visit might start

violent demonstrations. The

Foreign Ministry subsequently informed the British Embassy that it would sound out local

administrators in other ports.

But apparently Mr Minobe's

similar reactions at other pos-

sible sites. Japanese officials claim they

decision stimulated

the country's main ports.

but that the "ship of state should be on an even keel". She also gave warning against the danger of castelsm rearing its head again. This danger, she said, had been there in the past but the new role of the opposition was far more caste-ist and tended to encourage casteism.

There is special mention of family plauning in the manifes-to. It emphasizes the import-ance of curbs on population growth, but categorically states that there cannot be compul-sion. "It will be a voluntary movement and it will be a peo-ple's movement."

The manifesto is by no The manifesto is by no means radical and appears to be steering a middle course. The argument is that the party has been doing well in the economic field and will do better.

Delhi. able and unshakable". Ahmed of India, who is 71, has
Mrs Gandhi said that the
Congress was not a one-person
the Philippines and Burma on

were embarrassed by the original request, but since Britain was trying to promote arms sales to redress its im-

balance in trade, the proposal was examined.

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"We cannot understand why
the British Government approached the matter in this
manner", an official said tonight. "The Japanese constitution prohibits any attempt to
expand the self defence forces.

People are very sensitive on
the issue for historical reasons.

The approach should have been

The approach should have been more discreet. But once we re-ceived the request we could not

During the seven-day floating

exhibition, Japanese defence ex-

perts were to have been in-vited on board the Lyness, a 12,359-ton air support ship, to inspect armoured vehicles, heli-

copters, ground-to-air missiles,

105mm guns, 51mm mortars

patrol boats, ground monitoring radar systems and field artil-

lery computers. .
The visit would have coin-

cided with Japan's moves to remodel its self defence force

and reequip it with more advanced weapons. At present the United States enjoys a virtual monopoly over arms sale in

Japan. Britain's past efforts to pene-

not been encouraging. In the most recent successful trans-

action the Japanese Defence

Agency purchased tank gun barrels from Britain to a value

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Indonesia denies massacre Arms show warship not in East Timor going to Japanese ports From Our Correspondent were embarrassed in the Correspondent were embarrassed in the Correspondent in the Correspondent were embarrassed in the Correspondent in the Correspon

Jakurta, Feb 8.—Indonesia has denied a report in The Times that Indonesian volunteers fight-ing in the East Timor civil war in 1975 massacred residents of

Mr Abdurrahman Gunadirdja, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the Indonesians had protected the Chinese community in East Timor and many of its members had sought shelter in Indonesia Indonesia. The reports of the alleged

massacre originated from Mr James Dum, a former Austra-lian consul in East Timor. The report was published on February 1.—Reuter.

Tanzania allows stranded tourists to cross border From Our Correspondent

Nairobi, Feb 8

President Nyerere of Tanzania was reported today to have officially acknowledged for the first time that his country had closed its border with Kenya since last week.

In an interview in Dar es Salaam, he said the move was in retaliation for what Tanzania considers to be a series of Kenyan moves to demolish institutions of the East African

Community.
Tanzania claims that Kenya, by withdrawing additional financial support, brought about the

recent collapse of East African Airways (EÂA), which is jointly owned by Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

Tourists stranded in northern Tanzania by the sudden closure are now being allowed to cross into Kenya after obtaining special permits. Meanwhile, several hundred tourists have now been flown

from Kilimanjaro airport in Tanzania in special flights. A British Airways aircraft arrived here early today with 194 on board, having made a special halt at Kilimanjaro on special halt at Kilimanjaro on capability and strategy, may none the less not be a qualified

Carter men review For weapons pledge to Isra-From Our Own Correspondent petroleum spray. Sur Washington, Feb 8 were suddenly pro were suddenly pro President Ford on

Now that the United States

has refused permission for Israel to sell 24 of its Kfir fighter bombers to Ecuador they have American jet here, is said by engines—it is being asked here how far Israel is being com-presed to mean pensated by the Carter Administration. The sale would have brought Israel about these weapons.
\$150m (£88m).

Authoritative officials confirm that Israel will receive 5285m extra in economic assistance this coming fiscal year. But they point out that Arab to Israel. But this countries in the area will was not linked to t States if President Kim II receive aid increases in rough proportion to Israel's. Thus Egypt's total would be raised to \$750m for the year, Jordan's to \$220m and Syria's to \$90m. Aid to Israel would amount to

\$1,785m for fiscal 1978.

However, it is far from clear that Israel will receive the advanced melitary tanks, artillery, infra-red sights for aiming in the dark and the controversial "aerosol" concussion bomb, which creates a firestorm through an ignited to the contrary is policy against the advanced military tanks, artillery, infra-red sights to claims here the had been chosen to contrary is policy against the advanced military tanks, artillery, infra-red sights to claims here the contrary is policy against the advanced military tanks, artillery, infra-red sights to claims here the contrary is policy against the advanced military tanks, artillery, infra-red sights to claims here the contrary is policy against the advanced military to claims here the contrary is policy against the advanced military to claims here the contrary is policy against the advanced military to claims here the contrary is policy against the advanced military. \$1,785m for fiscal 1978.

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Naming of Salt negotia raises hackles in Senat

Although Mr Mondale assured both Seoul and Tokyo that American forces months. A south Korean businessman said in Tokyo last week: "The Americans are deserting us because that descring us because they believe the President is a dictator. Let them go. We do not need them. We will produce our own weapons by 1980. From Our Own Correspondent any of these ms - Washington. Feb 8 declared. only under a carefully phased out programme, the South our own weapons by 1980. Koreans are visibly upset. The promise that the United States will maintain a strong air capability in the area has done lit.

And now they are about to Washington, Feb 8

Feathers were flying today grappled in the Senate over President Carter's nomination of Mr Paul Warnke to be head of the Arms Control and Disappears Agency Mr. Carter would be an America armament Agency. Mr Carter would be an America also intends Mr Warnke to head the American delegation in the would follow suit. the American delegation in the strategic arms negotiations (Salt) with the Russians.

In the past six weeks Mr Warnke has acquired a strong reputation as an "arms controller" steadfastly opposed to a further race in nuclear weapons. This, his supporters argue, is what the job requires; there are plenty of hawks else-where in the Administration to argue in favour of keeping up the guard at any cost,

But a previous Salt negotia-tor, Mr Paul Nitze, has written of his serious misgivings to the senate foreign relations committee:

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Reporter's tapes confiscated after Czech tour

Berlin, Feb 8
The United States Embassy

in Prague has protested strongly to the Czechoslovak Government about the harassment to which it says Mr Leslie Collit, an American correspondent, has been subjected. Two tapes and 90 pages of notes prepared during a recent

trip were confiscated.

Mr Collit, who reports for the National Broadcasting Corporation and for the Financial Times, was interrogated for two hours by several Czechoslovak officials last Friday on the train to Dresden in East Germany where he was delayed for eight hours, During his stay, apart from in a letter a few days ago to meeting officials, Mr Collit says he also spoke with econ-

explained, violated Czechoslovak laws.

Prague, Feb 8.—Spokesmen for the Charter 77 movement said today they had asked Par-liament to rule on the legality of the document.

Mr Jiri Hajek, for a brief period Foreign Minister in the Dubcek government, and Mr Jan Patocka, a philosopher, said they had made the request

omists, people from the Charter 77 civil rights movement and with the "man in the street".

When he protested about confiscation of the tapes and letters he was told he might possibly get them back at a later date. His data, it was and were warned that they were told a result of the campaign later date. His data, it was and were warned that they begun by Czechoslovak authorities.

faced legal action if they con-tinued their campaign. In their letter to the Assembly, the two noted that the prosecutor had made no mention of any laws or regulations

violated by the signers of the charter, which they said con-formed to the final statement adopted last summer by the conference of communist parties in East Berlin.

ties against the signers.— Agence France-Presse.

Agence France-Fresse.
Prague, Feb 8.—Mr Hajek
said that he and his friends,
deprived by the authorities of
driving licences and telephones, had now to use public transport and walk a lot to keep in touch. "I guess this takes us back where the human rights movement started parties in East Berlin.

They further asserted that an interview in his home on also speaks of slack the prosecutor's duty was to oversee the application and the Vork Times News Service.

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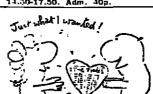
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recognizing (more-or-less)
places visited is an English
pastime. My own idiosyncrasy
in that line was to take pleasure at a view of Barmouth by Lawrence Burd, looking much as it must have done when Gerard Manley Hopkins spent summer holidays there with the Jesuirs from St Bueno's College.

On a more painterly note:
the exhibition (over 275 works
in all and open until February
18) contains- some lovely de
Wints, a solid late Cotman, and
a delightful Cox, Milking Time,
whose small area of broken
lively brushstrokes enlivens a rather static screen of draw-ings and fully justifies his experiments with technique. And when the electric lights were turned on, and some subtleties lost, the theatrical effects of Francis Nicholson's Tintern Abbey could be enjoyed, and the fascinating sheet of minute sketches by George Richmond studied more fully.

Paul Methuer (1886-1974), rather like Duncan Grant, con-tinued to paint energetically as his studio after his death, and spanning a long period. They make no pretence to

The British Broadcasting Cor-

poration is at its proudest when handling the institutional block-buster. That is possibly because

the corporation is the archetype and paragon of the form. Since all fathers wish to spawn off-spring in their image, we should not perhaps be surprised

that the characteristic BBC dramatic biggy concerns a giant organization filled with paranoiacs putting their logger-beads together to the point

where the great totality trembles but, and this is very

It does not matter much

which organization inhabits

important, survives.

Headmaster

Alan Coren

BBC 2.

selection of works taken from it is in the description of age and character that she best succeeds. Her natural line is perhaps not confident or open before, flying over the Ypres saient, I think it was, with everyone arguing about whether it ought to have been fitted with machineguns, or possibly patrolling the Indian ocean and

tching dangerously as matrons

fought with surgeons about oil

ing shadows across a pavement in Ronquières while citizens go about their business and the sun catches the intense colours

scapes by contemporary British painters; the latter includes two of Robert Buhler's brooding summer paintings, their perspectiveless presence combining threat with luxury.

Margaret Foreman left the Royal Academy Schools last

year and has her first one-man

exhibition at the Belgrave Gal-lery (17 Motcomb Street, SW1)

ways of using pattern and

The physical context, as ever, was perfectly caught; not simply the look of a school, for that is easy enough, but the feel and smell and taste of a school were utterly right. So too the teachers, from the pipelarching resulting prodictionalizes in here. clenching traditionalists in beige tweed to the young irreverents in denim, hungry for a mould to break.

As the champion of the former, Frank Windsor might have spent his entire working life preparing for the role and he did it a justice to which the contact did not fully writed it. script did not fully entitle it. Generally, in fact, casting of staff and pupils was faultless. Bur were the roles for which they had been thus defuly cast not too predictably ill-assorted, in code to critical the staff and th

which organization inhabits these showpiece series, called variously, but not very variously, Warship, Wings, Angels, Mogul and so forth. Nor does it matter much whether those shricking at one another are bosuns, tailgunners, oilmen in order to suit them for the clashes which institutional drama requires?

Isn't that perhaps the wrong way to create drama, by envisaging a conflict and then peopling it, rather than the other way about 2 That is the weeked. or gynaecologists. What matters is that the physical circumstances of their trade be meticulously and accurately reconstructed and that the organization be infinitely fissile. way about? That is the method by which subtlety has been by which subtlety has been killed in so many of Head-master's siblings, by which complexities have been reduced to formulae, and, worst of all, life exchanged for melodrama. Thus Headmaster. As I watched the first of this six-parter unreel on Monday, I

that I had seen William Berkley Comprehensive School Alfred Brendel Oueen Elizabeth Hall

could not suppress the thought

Paul Griffiths

Monday saw the fifth instalment in Alfred Brendel's Beethoven cycle, or perhaps one should say parabola of a recital series which arcs its way through two-and-a-half winter months. Each of the pro-grammes is well varied, but this time the emphasis was not on the grand or brooding Beethoven, not, at any rate, until the closing performance of Opus 110. Instead we were in calmer realms, and it was to Beethoven's masterly good sense that Mr Brendel seemed to be

responding most readily.

In making such a generalization I am guilty of perpetrating the cliches in which Mr Brendel has no interest: "I like to think of every masterpiece as a phenomenon in its own right."

Nevertheless, the evening of the instance, came back again and again the same, so that the flow of this long Allegro was hindered. Instead of progressing, the music kept returning on its tracks.

Much more often, however, Mr Brendel's way with a phenomenon in the company of th Nevertheless, the evening as a whole did have a style. It was not just a sequence of superbindividual performances, although it was that as well. Clear-headedness was the out-standing quality. Mr Brendel

began with an account of the "easy sonata" Op 49, No 1, which was supremely intelli-

gent and felicitous without any descent to the merely charm-ing. His attack, always precise, seemed more than ever per-fectly gauged, and his balanc-ing of counterpoint, always clear, was here quite faultless. Given such technical skill, the music could move as if under the impulse of its own laws. There was nothing forced or superfluous. In some ways this considered

performance of a miniature was more remarkable than some of those that followed, when occasionally there was the feeling of something too exactly controlled, almost algebraic.
Thematic returns in the opening movement of the Pastoral
Sonata, for instance, came back

Born in Hongkong in 1887, Leach spent the first 10 years of his life in the Far East. Having studied drawing at the Slade School of Art, and etching under Brangwyn, in 1909 or with a movement was so right as to be unquestionable, and so beguiling as to defy dissent. His touch of humour at his he returned to Japan, where his vocation as a potter was realized, and he became apprenticed to a leading Japanese master. He studied early Chinese and Korean art, especiown virtuosity in the middle movements of the Pastoral or his many clean shades of ally the pots of the Sung and expression in so many other movements were all things that Yi dynasties, with their classic forms and subdued glazes. no one could resist.

Some of the notices are reprinted from yesterday's later

Paddy Kitchen

great or innovative art, but show sensitive enjoyment of place in their composition: Edinburgh's skyline, the Lif-fey's ripe gleam, and—most evocative of all—tall trees cast-ing shadows across a navanent enough to delineate the elusive quality of ephemeral beauty, whereas the accretions of liv-ing—in both face and environment—obviously fascinate herment—obviously fascinate herAiready a skilful portrait painter, perhaps now that she has
left art school she may learn
to trust her imaginative
responses while continuing to
develop and delight in herof a Belgian flag. Why so evocarive? Because the sketch is dated May 10, 1945, the day after the war in Europe officially ended. Methuen said his develop, and delight in, her technique.

A painter more different from Margaret Foreman than the late Scottie Wilson (1890-1972) it would be difficult to skerchbook was like a diary, and his drawings have that kind of immediacy. Also at the gallery is sculpture by Kormis, and a mixed group of land-1972) it would be difficult to find; it is, though, one of the nice things about visiting art galleries that a No 19 or 22 bus will take one from portraits that reflect an artist who is integrated with society, to the entirely private psychic drawings of an alcoholic. A retrospective of Wilson's work opens at the Warehouse Gallery (52 Earlham Street) on February

 Besides drawings, there will be pieces of a Royal Wor-cester dinner service which incester dinner service which incorporated his patterns, letters
and memorabilia, and a taped
conversation between Wilson
and Victor Musgrave. Mervyn
Levy will be lecturing on his
work—under the title Greedies
is an Evils—at 6.30 pm on February 15. The exhibition
should provide a comprehensive experience of Wilson's until February 25. Her paintings are small, meticulously
detailed, and show an innate
sense of responsibility towards
her subjects—which are mainly
people. Within the confined
area of each canvas she finds colour that in no way interfere with the person depicted, so the soft crushed feminine effect of a blouse is repeated in the rosy creasing on an added to the soft crushed the soft crushed in the rosy creasing on an added to the soft crushed the

Cardiff

Six new works will be heard in

the Cardiff Festival of Twen-

tieth-century Music, to be held

James Galway gives the first performance of the Malcolm Arnold Flute Sonata with

Anthony Goldstone (March 19),

and Paul Tortelier will conduct

the premiere of Alun Hoddinott's French Suite by the

London Mozatt Players (March

Martin Neary's organ recital

includes a new work by

Timothy Taylor (March 11),

and other first performances

are Carl Briant's Piano Sonata, M. Charnell-White's Duo Sonata for two pianos, and Howard

Among the principal events are recitals by Victoria de los Angeles and John Lill. Seven orchestras and ensembles are taking part, including the opening concert by the Academy of St. Martining the Victoria

of St Martin-in-the-Fields, and the concert in which the Korean

violinist Dong Suk Kang plays the Sibelius Violin Concerto.

Bernard Leach at the

The Victoria and Albert Museum is to honour Bernard

Leach, the potter, with the first full-scale museum retrospective

to be held in this country from March 3 until until May 8. The

exhibition includes some 200 of his finest pots, drawn from over

60 private and public collections, besides finished drawings, prints and working studies. The

objects range from the very objects range from me very first pot he ever decorated, in Tokyo, in 1911, up to the latest in 1973—when failing eyesight made it impossible for him to

made it impossione for num to continue working. The exhibits range in size from pin boxes to giant chargers, and in materials from earthenware to porcelain.

Mr Leach has the distinction of being the only craftsman in any field to be a Companion of

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Kenneth Loveland

Watt's Violin Sonata.

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timed to paint energetically as with the person depicted, so sive experience of Wilson's an old man because it was an the soft crushed feminine work and character; the activity which he loved. The effect of a blouse is repeated spaces in the Warehouse Fieldborne Galleries (63 in the rosy creasing on an Gallery are imaginatively part of works and the production needs a ludicrous climax in a masonic central performance more parody, with a cigar-chewing authoritative and more ga-ga barman, a supermarket manager than Ramsay Williams's youth-collection of works rates for the southern twang, and the production needs a ludicrous climax in a masonic central performance more ga-ga barman, a supermarket manager than Ramsay Williams's youth-collection of works rates for the southern twang, and the production needs a ludicrous climax in a masonic central performance more ga-ga barman, a supermarket manager than Ramsay Williams's youth-collection of works rates and the production needs a ludicrous climax in a masonic central performance more ga-ga barman, a supermarket manager than Ramsay Williams's youth-collection of works and character; the ludicrous climax in a masonic central performance more ga-ga barman, a supermarket manager than Ramsay Williams's youth-collection of works and character; the ludicrous climax in a masonic central performance of the production needs and the produc to provide a good deal of in-formation without involving the visitor in the price of a Fountain of Truth. But Jones

Fragile and familiar

Alice in Wonderland Round House.

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Ned Chaillet

Schoolchildren seem nowadays to be given their theatre in special presentations which adults, excepting teachers, hardly ever see. In these dire times for actors such productions can draw excellent, if eccentric, casts. But if too much of the thought behind the production goes into pleasing children instead of creating theatre, the children may end up enjoying the production more for the pantomime cat-calling and for the cast's excursions into the audience, than for the spectacle itself.
Such is what I believe happens with Malcolm Sircom's
musical adaptation of Alice in Wonderland, playing in the day-time at the Round House. His text is fragile and foolishly up-dated with allusions to things "made in Hongkong" and familiar riddles: "What is the familiar riddles: "What is the difference between an elephant and a pillar box?" It does not much benefit from Roy Skelton's frenetic, and frequently insudible, production.

The cast includes several

young performers who are at their best when scrambling through the audience in an effort to avoid being made into soup by the Duchess. The Duchess is played by Beau Daniells, who is mercifully audible at all times, but her lines consist mainly of the repeated chaut: "It makes me very cross"; with the final words, of course, shouted by the audience.

Mr Sircom's songs, some in-

Mr Sircom's songs, some in-Mr Sircom's songs, some including verses by Lewis Carroll, are, for the most part, sleepy, undramatic things, with the main exception of a very Broadway croquet game which opens the second act. Their lack of a particularly commanding rhythm may partly explain Mr Skelmn's resort to blatant pantomime tricks.

Young children, however, are a great audience, willing to forgive actors who become inaudible by turning their backs on spectators, and identifying with an Alice who speaks well but seems to lose her voice when she sings. It is precisely because children are such a good audience that they deserve excellence. Pandering to their simplest responses, homogenisimplest responses, homogenizing all stories to pantonime simplicity, is not producing children's theatre but simply bad theatre.

The Last Meeting of The Knights of the White Magnolia Hampstead

Irving Wardle

Nothing has taught me more about Texas on a trip two years ago than the plays of Preston Jones. Knights of the White Magnolia is the second part of his Texas Trilogy, which originated in Dalkas, proceeded to Washington, and now acrives in London in the hands of our resident Texan director, Michael Rudman, who has confirmed my belief that this intensely local work would transfer as brilliantly as O'Casey. This is a moment for saluting a fine new writer.

We are at a meeting of a little fraternity to the right of the Ku Klux Klan. Once it had lodges across the country and bands turned up for its rallies, but all that survives is a lone outpost out in the west Texan panhandle where a handful of middle-aged men still meet to drink and play dominoes in a cartlemen's hotel owned Ly their senior member, a fire-eating old army colonel for whom the clock stopped with the First World War. Now, incredibly, they have a new recruit in the person of an asthmatic, flat-footed youth from the next town; and the knights prepare for a full-dress initiation cere-

money. the great heavenly sages con-ducting young Lonnie Roy on his pilgrimage to the Golden

shows his comic power just as much in the first-act prepara-tion for this scene, revealing just how little brotherhood there is in the fraternity. The two perpetually bickering cronies, an alcoholic Korean veteran, an aging mother's boy, have nothing in common except residence in a boring place and the prospect of going home to angry women. Like the colonel, they have also all come to a stop and their conversation consists blinkered monologues on

individual obsessions. Mr Jones uses those partly to build up a picture of "Bradley ville" past and present, and as a means of combining exposi-tion with characterization. They also supply a marvellous delaying tactic before the climax: the collision of egoisms repeatedly throws the dialogue back on itself, and every move to get on with the ritual is blocked by another looping return to discourses on bloodrelationships or the colonel's memories of meeting General Pershing. At the same time, the comedy expands socially in epi-sodes like the loss of the sacred rule book: a stunned silence falls on the company when the colonel admits that he has en-

trusted it to the black doorman.
This is an absolutely traditional American naturalist comedy with the difference that it contains no clumsy flashbacks or orgies of truth-telling, and that it replaces sentimen-tality with intimately sceptical affection. Some of Mr Rudman's company place undue comic reliance on the southern twang, The piece reaches its and the production needs a ludicrous climax in a masonic central performance more parody, with a cigar-chewing authoritative and more ga-ga barman, a supermarket manager than Ramsay Williams's youthmances as good as those of Richard Moore, Ronnie Letham and Ian Hogg, that sounds like



Richard Moore, Ian Hogg and Glyn Owen with Ronnie Letham

Bryan Ferry Albert Hall

Clive Bennett Star quality is easy to see but

hard to define. That Bryan Ferry has it in abundance was obvious to a packed house on Monday at the first of three London dates on his first solo British tour and, astonishingly, he was far more exciting than when a member of Roxy Music. The last Roxy albums suggested that the five strong personalities in the band were not totally in sympathy with

each other or their music. Ferry's new touring outfit, although it includes two former Roxy members, Phil Manzanera and Paul Thompson, suggests exactly the opposite. There is a precision and an assurance that is a joy to hear, a variety of colours rare in live per-formance and a most infectious

enthusiasm.

Mel Collins, and Ann Odell's keyboards. That neither she nor Manzanera was allowed as much limelight as Spedding was the concert's one disappoint.

The thick textures were complemented by three singers Kokomo, the men, in dark blue with white beits and lanyards, looking and behaving more and more like outrageously camp militiamen as the evening wore on.

ing wore on.

Then of course, there was Bryan Ferry. In an extraordinary way he conveys simultaneously icy detachment from, and intense involvement in, everything he sings. This was nowhere more apparent than in the powerful y impressive title track of his new album

He sings without musical affectation but expresses to attenation but expresses to perfection the meaning of each song. Even when he reworks old Roxy numbers like "Casanova" or "Love is the drug", and even more acutely with non-Roxy material like "These foolish things" his style and personality totally enthusiasm.

Time and time again exhilating outbursts from Chris style and personality totally Spedding, the lead guitarist, sliced through the thick wall of sound created by the three-man wind section, thrillingly led by it creates its own originality. but its great strength is that

'In your mind".

Squash rackets

pressure in

Squash Rackets Correspondent

Jonathan Leslie (Buckinghem-shire) will play John Richardson (Surrey) in the final of Britain's

national amaneur squash rackets champonship at Wimbledon Stadium this evening. In the semi-final round Leslie, the 1975

his stride

By Rex Bellamy

Good temperament on Francis's side

Football Correspondent

Having decided to include Trevor Francis in his team to play against the Netherlands at Wembley tonight (8.0), Don Revie said yesterday that he was expecting the young Birmingham City forward to show at least 75 per cent of his club form when attempting to help England "get back on the rails". The team thought five changes from the side shows five changes from the side who lost to Italy in Rome last November, including the dropping

A training injury to McFarland and the loss of Thompson forced Mr Revie to reconsider the defence. His choice was predictdefence. His choice was predictable, and, in the circumstances, appropriate. He has aligned the two Manchester City central defenders, Doyle and Watson, who, as he said, have been playing "exceptionally well" at club level Restrictables the troublelevel. Beattie takes the trouble-some position at left back, and Clement retains the right side because Todd is going through a period of poor form that one must hope is a passing phase.

Inope is a passing phase.

Greenhoff and Brooking, who were in no way to blame for England's World Cup defeat in Rome, are also retained in midfield, but here, Mr Revie recalls Madeley who was only brought into the party when McFarland was hurt. Probably Cherry, whose purposeful play has been useful if unsensational, would have been incorporated if he had not failed his fitness test yesterday, though not necessarily at the expense of Madeley.

In the attack, the naming of

In the attack, the naming of Francis, Bowles and Keegan is to put the emphasis on available skill. Indeed, without Pearson and Royle there is no orthodox centre Royle there is no ormodox centre forward, "target man" or recognized header of the ball. In the absence of Pearson and Channon, the high ball into the centre, which has for so long been an integral part of any English team's tactics, will not be so important and that is no bad

At last, Francis can take his place in the team after several disappointments. He had a strenuous morning's training yesterday and was not troubled by his bruised toes. He has the ability and assurance to establish himself as the most effective attack folisher since Greaves but comes as the most effective attack finisher since Greaves, but comes into the England team at a time when he needs to make an immediate impact if he is to help them through their World Cup qualifying matches this year. Unlike predecessors, he has a sound temperament that may allow him to do this.

Mr Revie said he wanted allow him to do this.

Mr Revie said he wanted
Francis to play the way he did
for Birmingham. "I'm not asking him to do anything different.

League impose

on Blackburn

The Football League have canned Blackburn Rovers from

signing players. According to Wil-

signing players. According to Wil-liam Bancroft, the second division club's chairman, the ostensible cause of this unprecedented action is the delay in settlement follow-ing the signing of Glen Keeley from Newcastle United.

Mr Bancroft explained that Blackburn's failure to pay arose from Newcastle's attitude after acquiring Roger Jones from Ewood Park last March. Newcastle had to nay Blackburn extra

money when Jones had made a

money when Jones han made a certain number of appearances; Blackburn allege that the player has been dedied matches at St James's Park "in order to curcumvent the spirit of the transfer agreement."

agreement ".
Jones, a goalkeeper, was trans-ferred to Newcastle last March together with Graham Oates for a joint fee of around £80,000. It

is understood that Jones has been offered a free transfer by New-castle and is at present training

cashe and is at present training with Birmingham.

Another cause of the friction between the clubs was Blackburn's loss of their manager, Gordon Lee, to Newcastle 19 months ago.

Rovers had to threaten legal action to recover compensation then

to recover compensation, then paid out even more to Colchester

for James Smith.

"Our dealings with Watford,
Port Vale, Shelfield United and
Colchester have been conducted
in the triendliest spirit, in total
contrast to all our transactions
with Newcastle", a Blackburn
statement said.

statement said.
Blackburn had been told of the

embargo on registrations by the Football League management committee. "It is not difficult to trace the influence of Lord West-word, pre-ident of the Football League and chairman of Newcastel United, behind this move", the club stated.

Swedish team

withdraw from

Torquay event

ation secretary that the absence of Borg, through injury, from the Swedish championships lest seson, cost them at least £25,000."

Sweden's late withdrawal from the event, which starts next Monday and the mounted a hurried

day, has prompted a hurried search for a replacement.

Mr Barrett autoutced that Canada had agreed to send terms

(men and women) for the first time, to line up with Eritzin, the United States. Italy, France. West Germany, Spain and The Nether-

Hutchins, appounced his two sides

Tennis

signing ban



Solemn declaration of intent? Johan Cruyff signs autographs for admirers after arriving at Heathrow Airport, London, yesterday with the rest of the Dutch party.

If he is going to be a good international, he has got to show me 75 per cent of his ability in his first match", he said, adding that he had no idea why others had falled to do this. The only doubt about Francis is that at Birming-bam he has become used to read to the said that the said that the said the sai ham he has become used to re-ceiving the ball from wingers and playing slightly behind the other

Teams for Wembley

ENGLAND: R. Clemence Hughes (Liverpool), S. Pearson (Liverpool): (Queen's Park Rangers), M. Doyle (Manchester City), D. Watson (Manchester City), K. Watson (Manchester City), R. Beattie (Ipswich Town), P. Madeley (Leeds United), K. Keegan (Liverpool), T. Francis (Birmingham City), S. Bowles (Queen's Park Rangers), B. Greenhoff (Manchester United), T. Brooking (West Ham United) T. Brooking (West Ham United). brink (Assistintes: P. Shilton (Stoke Beveren City), C. Todd (Derby County). (Ajax), D. Tueart (Manchester City), E. hoven), Referee-: W. Eschweiler (West Germany).

ber is the inclusion of O'Brien, the Notts County defender, for Mulligan. The key to Ireland's success looks to be held by the Arsenal trio of Brady, O'Leary and Stapleton.

Results and tables

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Second division
Postponed: Orient v Blackpool

Third division

Leading placings

Macken wins his first cap

for Republic of Ireland

offer skill enough to vary his game and yesterday said that nerves were not a problem. He was having his best season and though he would like to have played for England before he felt his play was now more consistent.

Clement (Manchester United). NETHERLANDS: P. Schrijvers Aiax): W. Suurbier (Ajax), W. (Ajax); W. Suurbier (Ajax), W. Rijsbergen (Feyenoord), R. Kroi (Ajax), H. Hovenkamp (Alkmaar), W. van der Kerkhof (Alkinder), W. van der Actanov, (Eindhoven), J. Peters (Nijmegen), J. Neeskens (Bar-celona), J. Rep (Valencia), J. Cruyff (Barcelona), R. Rensen-brink (Anderlecht), Substitutes:

L. Brady (Arsenal), D. Givens (QPR), F. Stapleton (Arsenal), S. Heighway (Liverpool).

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Scottish first division

easiest game of that bicentenmal tournament against the hotch potch side representing America most closely resembled the accepted idea of the best that could be chosen. This team seemed likely to form the core of the World Cun side The withering of that spirit of The withering of that spirit of America came in a mediocre draw with the Republic of Ireland early in September, and a hollow 2—1 defeat of Finland after which Mr Revie apologized to the crowd. Then the match against Italy in Rome saw an Italian team play with only passing moments of distinction yet seem much superior

More than anything. England need to regain a sense of direction. On returning from last summer's visit to the United States there was a feeling that the future was brightening. The team Mr Revie fielded for the last and easiest game of that bicentennial

Orient watching their money go down drain

Orient are rapidly becoming the Football League's crisis club. An attempt to play last Saturday's postponed home game with Blackpool last night was folled by heavy rain. It was Orient's ninth post-ponement of the season.

lic of Ireland cap in roday's march against Spain at Lansdowne Road, Dublin (3 pm). Macken lines up alongside Brady, of Arsenal, and Noel Campbell, of the West German league side Fortuna, who is recalled in favour of Manchester United's Daly. Macken replaces Giles, the player-manager, still recovering full fitness after a lengthy knee injury.

A third change from the Irish side beaten 2—0 by France in a World Cup qualifier in Novem-George Petchey, their manager, estimates that the club have lost f25,000 in gate receipts, but is determined that they will play all their outstanding fixtures at Brisbane Road. "Perhaps we will have an end-of-season bonanza. and there is no way we will surrender our home advantage for these outstanding games ', Mr Petchey said.

Orient recently spent £3,000 on 200ft of new drains. There is talk of digging up the pitch during the

Today's fixtures

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: England various for Netherlands (at Wembier, 8.0); Republic of Irriand v Spain (Lansdowne Road, Dublin, 5.0). Under 21 match; Scolland v Wales (at Easter Road, Edinburgh). Kick-off 7.30 tmless stated SECOND DIVISION: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Sheffield United: Hereford United v Plymouth Argyle. FOURTH DIVISION: Bradford City v Alderahot.

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Leading placings

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Reriord Town v Wembiey.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final
round: Southampton v Birmingham (at
Bristol): Loughborough v Hull (at
Sheffield).

RUGBY UNION: Nottingham v RAF
(7.15): Pontypride v Aberavon (7.0):
Royal Navy v Civil Service. UAU
championship: Semi-final round: Swensee v Loughborough (at Oxford RFC):
UWIST v Newcastle (at Loughborough
Colleges).

ROCKEY: UAU championship: Semi-Ralph Callachan, the 23-year-old Heart of Midlothian midfield player, signed for Newcastle yesterday for an £80,000 fee, after a medical examination. He is likely to play in the north esst Derby with Middlesbrough on Saturday at St James' Park, Colleges). Wall championship: Semi-final round: Birmingham v Manchoster (at Lilleshall. 2.30). London League: (20). University v Guildford (2.30).

Snooker

Reardon races through to semi-final

Ray Reardon, the world champion, made a superb break of 84 in overwhelming Rex Williams by four frames to one in the quarterfinal round of the Benson and Hedges Masters snooker tournament, sponsored by Benson and Hedges at The New London Theatre last night. It was the second highest run in this year's event. Williams failed to pot a ball in the frame as Reardon, who incurred a four point penalty, romped to 97—4.

With Williams, the reigning With Williams, the reigning

With Williams, the reigning world billiard champion, out of touch, Reardon, the bolder, and favourite for the first prize of £2,000 had no difficulty in outplaying his rival.

FIRST ROUND: J. Spencer beat D. Taylor. 4—2 (78—32, 65—61, 50—65, 33—60, 84—38, 86—271.

QUARTER-FIRAL ROUND: R. Response beat R. Williams, 4—1 (786—38, 77—4, 76—22, 31—65, 93—261.

BILLIARDS: First round: F. Davis best G. Miles, 150-86.

Britain cap Fijian Sairusi Naravi, Rochdale
Hornets' Fijian signing, is on a
wing for Great Britain Colts in
their Rugby League international
against France at Avignou on
March 6. He qualifies through
readings.

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Heron (Leeds).

Foster leading their and at other northern regatts.
The club has won the UAU eights championship for the past 11 comyears. Two former members have two rowed for Great Britain, one in the Olympic Games at Montreal.

Foster leading

Brendan Foster will lead Gateshead Harriers: defence of their title in the English cross-country the championships at Parliament Hill Fields, London, on March 5. Rugby Union

Scotland drop Carmichael and Leslie takes intimidating seven other England victims

By John Downie

Scotland have scrapped the team beaten 25-6 by England last month at Twickenham. For the match against Ireland at Murrayfield on Saturday week, the selectors have made eight changes, but introduced only two new internationals.

McGeechan, the captain, is the only three-quarter to survive Twickenham. The seesaw between Morgan and Lawson continues. They have alternated at scrum half since 1973.

In the pack, Carmichael, holder of 46 Scrutich care is demonad for

final round Leslie, the 1975 winner, beat his successor, Philip Ayton, by 2—9, 9—5, 9—7, 9—4 in 63 minutes, and Richardson defeated Stuart Courtney, twice runner-up, by 10—9, 3—9, 10—8, 9—4 in 78 minutes to qualify for the most important final of his In the pack, Carmichael, holder of 46 Scottish caps, is dropped for the first time since he became a regular member of the national side in 1967-58, and one lock and both flankers disappear. Scotland's somewhar improved record over the past few years has been largely Ayton, four years the senior, subjected Leslie to a more worry-ling examination than the score may suggest. For most of the first game and much of the second and third Ayton's court craft and crisply tidy mixture of the long and short games gave him a practical authority that severely tested Leslie's fitness and self confidence. Ayton led 4—2 in the second game. In the third he was three times in hand at 7—3, but during this critical phase Leslie played his finest squash, hitting five winning drops and conceding nothing.

Earlier in the match Leslie had attributable to consistency of selection. Now, it seems, the com-

selection. Now, it seems, the committee have decided that a fresh start is needed.

The two newcomers are Gammell, who is 24, and Pender, aged 28. Gammell, a long-striding right wing, has scored 23 tries this season, including two pairs for Scottish Select XVs, against Japan in September, and against the British Post Office at Kelso on January 13. He also had a brace for Edinburgh against Glasgow in the inter-city a week last Saturday and made the opening for Scottand's only try against France in Saturday's B international at Hughenden.

Gammell is oft 3in and 131 stone, impressive proportions for some-

finest squash, hitting live winning drops and conceding nothing.

Earlier in the match Leslie had chiefly been concerned with a policy of containment: maintaining a sound game under considerable pressure from a man who was working him hard. But Ayron needed four game balls to win the first game and towards the end of the second and third there were signs that he was weakening. The fourth game was the easiest of the match for Leslie. The genuine contest had already been decided. Ayron had indicated that he was the more accomplished player, but Leslie proved that he was the more resilient competitor. The great thing about him was his ability to withstand intimidating pressure without any loss of ball control or assurance. impressive proportions for some-one who, in his schooldays at Fettes, was persuaded that he was too small for rugby. He had, only the odd minor match there—as a hocker—and turned his attention to squash rackets, at which he became rugner-my for the to squash rackets, at which he became runner-up for the Scottish Under-18 championship. He resumed rugby at Stirling University, where he was in the fifteen from 1972 to 1974, and spear the 1974-75 season with Strathclyde University before he joised Edinburgh Wanderers.

pressure without any control or assurance. control or assurance.

Courmey had three game balls in the first game and three in the third, but lost both. Richardson's capacity for hanging on in adversity eventually broke the resistance of a gifted shot-maker whose ratio of winners to errors tends to have a decisive effect on most of the matches he plays. Courtney produced ample evidence of his superb touch on the volley and his flair for masking his intentions.

Intentions.

In every game except the last he had more winners than Richardson. But Richardson always made Courtney work hard, retrieving many of Courtney's most searching shots and keeping him under pressure by hitting to a length, keeping the ball close to the walls, and making Courtney hustle to the front of the court more often than he wanted to. But essentially it was Courtney's inability to seize his chances in the first and third games that cost him the march; and Richardson must take much of the credit for keeping the door closed when it seemed that Courtney was about to burst it open.

Motor racing

Scheckter has first drive in six-wheel March

By John Blunsden

can schecker, me south African motor racing champion, had his first drive at Silverstone yesterday in the experimental sixwheeled March-Ford 2-40, which he will almost certainly be racing for the first time at the British Grand Prix on the same circuit in July.

Grand Prix on the same circuit in July.

Scheckter, aged 29, elder brother of Jody Scheckter, of the Wolf team, has joined March Engineering this season with the backing of Rothmans International, in whose colours the March-six-wheeler will be racing as soon as development of its novel four-wheel drive transmission system has been concluded satisfactorily.

Yesterday was Scheckter's first has been concluded satisfactorily.
Yesterday was Scheckter's first
experience of the six-wheeled
March, and although a partially
wet track prevented any serious
lap times, he said afterwards that
he was pleasantly surprised with
the feel of the rear end of the
car, despite the extra weight of
approximately 100lb compared
with a conventional four-wheeled
design. It was thought that the

with a conventional four-wheeled design. It was thought that the six-wheeled configuration might have created problems in balancing the front and rear suspension systems, but this does not seem to have been the case.

However, there is still a long way to go before the March team can be confident that their six-wheeler is a potential race winner, not least of which are the weight penalty and trouble with an overloaded bearing in the transmission system. A programme of chassis lightening is expected to reduce the weight penalty by at least a half, and a stiffer drive shaft should overcome the transmission weakness.

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Unlike the six-wheeled Tyrrells raced for the past year, the March 2-4-0, with its duplicated rearwheels, enables much smaller reartyres to be used as a major contribution to reduced wind resistance, and March Engineering's design director, Robin Herd, says he is confident that the Tyrrell team are also experimenting with tandem rear axles, "because the potential advantages in terms of greater straight-line speed are too great to be left unexploited".

A year ago there was some justification for believing that the six-wheeled grand prix car was little more than a technical experiment being carried out in public. But with the assistance of Goodyear, who have agreed to make special tyres for the Tyrrell and March teams, the concept must be taken seriously as a parameter for future racing car design,

Yachting

Challenger to be launched this week

Perth, Australia, Feb 8.—After six months of hard work Australia's challenger for the America's Cup emerged from the factory in Osborne Park here today. The sleek 12-metre yacht will be launched at Yanchep, morth of Perth, later this week.

The New York-based designers, Bob Miller and Johan Valentijn, and the young West Australian builder, Steve Ward, will spend next week fitting out the \$250,000 yacht and trouing out faults. yacht and ironing out faults. Valentijn, who worked on the meam who prepared the successful American boat, Intropld, for the last America's Cup, said the Australian challenger would be similar to the United States entry.

tial citizen at 6ft 1in and 17 st 2 lb. He has played for Hawick since 1972, the South of Scotland since 1973 and for three seasons in the Scotland B side. He has many times been Scotland's prop replacement and appeared in the unofficial international against Tanan this season.

His power and scrummaging technique have for long been in no doubt. After the match against Japan it was asked whether his reactions were quick enough for international loose play, but he and Aitken excelled egainst lan McLauchlan, the then Scottish captain, and Carmichael when the South outplayed Glasgow in October and he had a good match against France B with a dire shortage of weight behind him in

the scrummage.

Those who return to the back division are Renwick, who replaces his Hawick colleague, Cranston, at centre; Shedden, who comes in on the wing for Lewis Dick, and Morgan. Barnes, too, displaces his Hawick partner, Alan Tomes, at lock, and Biggar and Watson return on the fianks for Lander and Alex Brewster.

In announcing the side, the sectors made it known that Brewster and David Leslie, a regular flanker of last season, had not been considered because of injury. Leslie has played only once since

been considered because of injury. Leslie has played only once since his back was damaged in the South v Glasgow match in October. Brewster damaged knee ligaments in a national forward practice at Murrayfield on Satunday.

A remarkable feature of the selection is that the committee have either broken up or chosen to ignore three established partnerships. The broken one is that of Ron Wilson and Lawson. It had been thought that if Morgan returned at scrum half he would either bring with him his Edin-

burgh partner; Duncan who was Saturday's Sco outside half, or be partne again by McGeechan, so club understanding of and Cranston could be

fight ol

Similarly, it was believe Similarly, it was believe Barnes returned it woul partnership with Tomes, said to play much b Barnes's company. The or was whether Barnes was enough for the top grade enough for the top graut on a great deal of we season when hampered achilles tendon injury never looked hard-train Had it been decided to Hawick pair between thei South of Scotland props, would probably have rei No 8.

Only uncertainty about fitness after hamstring tro him out of the match much better player that when he won five caps and 1975. Scotland's k

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New and renewed: Pender (left) wins his first cap for Scotland against Ireland whereas Morgan is again recalled at scrum half.

Happy end in Bart's family show

By Gordon Allan

Bart's 12 Westminster 10 St Bartholomew's, the holders, are in the final of the Hospitals Cup rugby competition for the second consecutive year. They beat Westminster at Richmond yes-

beat Westminster at Richmond yesterday by four penalty goals to a
goal and a try, and on March 9
will play either the London or
St Mary's, who contest the other
semi-final tomorrow.

This was one of the best
hospitals matches fer years. If it
had been the final, people would
talk about it and use it as a
touchstone in this competition for
a long time. But semi-finals are
like runners-up: nobody remembers them. Posterity consigns them
to lists of results, and there they
remain. remain.

As Hollywood would say, there

As Hollywood would say, there was something for the whole family in this match. To separate the relevant facts from a mass of incident. St Bartholomew's were nine points up in 35 minutes, but Westminster scored a lovely try to make it 9—6 at halftime. Ten minutes into the second half Westminster scored again, to lead 10—9, but two minutes later St Bartholomew's kicked what turned out to be the decisive penalty.

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Three of St Bartholomew's penalties were from discouragingly long range, but they kicked them none the less. Westminster, on the other hand, missed five penalties. Phillips failed twice (he hit a post with his first) and Gwyther three

times.

Besides kicking their goals, St
Bartholomew's scrummaged and
tackled hard. Westminster had the more inventive back division, but St Bartholomew's blotted them out time and again. Nobody played better than St Bartholomew's scrum half, Milford. He injured his left ankle early in the game but carried on with pluck and

but carried on with pluck and panache. Tactically, he and Frame could not be faulted. In the first half, Frame kicked two penalties and Powell one for St Bartholomew's, all for ruck offences. Powell hit the target from 50 yards and an angle. Asquith, an Oxford blue, scored Westminster's try. Warlow made the break from a tapped penalty on halfway, Hughes ran 30 yards, diagonally, into St Bartholomew's 25, and his inside pass gave Asquith the chance to score before the posts. Gwyther converted.

After several narrow squeaks on St Bartholomew's line at the start of the second half, O'Driscoll scored Westminster's second try.

start of the section that, or braching scored Westminster's second try. They harassed Milford at a line-out near the corner, and Cudmore exploited the short side of the ruck to send O'Driscoll over. The ruck to send O'Driscoll over. The conversion was too difficult for Gwyther. Then Westminster were penalized in the loose a yard inside their own half and Powell kicked the goal.

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J. Powell: S. Bonn, D. Boyle, S. Williams, R. Miller: J. Frame, G. Milford: D. Badanoch, B. Marten, N. Debenham, A. Pitzpatrick, J. Capper, I. Wight, P. Gough, J. Kayo, Westminster, P. Gough, J. Kayo, Westminster, P. Princhard, P. Asquith, K. Rughes, P. Tali: R. Phillips, P. Rawie; J. Fraser, V. Nicholis, C. Wison, R. Thonas, T. Allan, S. Warlow, J. O'Driscoll, R. Cudmorn, Referee: J. Trigg (London);

Gordon League need va beyond the call of duty

By Richard Streeton
The Gordon League club of Gloucester seem likely to need all the heroic qualities shown by the hero at Khartum from whom they derive their name, if they are to beat Fylde on Saturday in the second round of the John Player Cup. Fulletians, from Watford, the other jumior club still in the competition, meet Gosforth, the holders, and they, too, seem likely to be left only with the consolation of a healthier bank balance by Saturday evening.

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coff, the London webser too, seem likely to be left only with the consolation of a healthier bank balance by Saturday evening.

The minnows have a harder time in rugby cup competition; then in other sports because of the accepted principle that the best players in junior clubs move on to seek wider recognition of their talents. Even the glant killers the competition has provided in its brief blasty such as the competition has provided in its brief blasty such as the competition has provided in the transparence of the latents. Even the glant killers the competition has provided in the transparence of the latents. Even the glant killers the competition has provided in the transparence of the latents with glant has been been look as the least the season's county captain, and the bit winks, among the backs, are their best known players. They bear Cheltraham Civil Services 39–3 at the weekend, which as an official admitted was a mixed blessing for preparation purposes. Fylich has fay won the norcherous in the throes of rebuilding after the departure of several leading players. Even so their strong pack with Beaumont at lock should see them through comfortably. Gondruh are at full strength, with utiley, Dixon and Young all back from Dublin, and look to have an even easier task against Fullerans, who have changed their half-backs for the game. The highest score since the competition of the University Athletic Union (UAU) rugby championship, sponsored by Wanney Mann, with pe played thy Wanney Mann, with pe played thy Wanney Mann, with pe played thy wonderney was provided in the second row. Wathlers and the played thy wonderney was played to with playing the played thy wonderney was played to with playing the played thy wonderney was played to with playing the played thy wonderney was played to with playing the played thy wonderney was played to with the played thy the played the played thy

The semi-final round of the University Athletic Union (UAU) rugby championship, sponsored by Watney Mann, with be played this afternoon. The University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology (UWIST), last season's winners, meet Newcastie University at Loughborough College of Education, and Swansea, who were runhers up last March, play Loughborough at the Oxford City Cinb. Both matches will start at 2.15.

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With Graham Price, of Wales, at prop and Gareth Davies, of Cardiff, at stand-off half, UWIST beat Nottingham in the last round by two penalty goals to two. No doubt the successful side will be hoping for a more exciting score line to day. Newcastle finished runners up to Durham in 1970 in the last UAU final played before Twickenham became the ground for it.

Loughborough. Ainners in 1975 and on 13 occasions before that, finished strongly in their quarter there should be no reputation. by two penalty goals to one. New-castle succeeded against Bristol by four penalty goals to two. No doubt the successful side will be hoping

Anglia XV in their quantity of the control of the c

While the spotlight fits second round of the Ji Cup on Saturday, Londo and Coventry, finalists to the Ji Cup and first round season, meet in a club Richmond Athletic gro

Spain's mam for the King's Cup tennis match on Friday against Britain at Afan Lido, Aberavon, is: Juan Mustanola, José Moreno, Javier Solar and Angel Gimenez. Moreno and Solar are expected to Moreno and Solar are expected to play the singles, Muntanols and Solar in the doubles. MIAMI: R. Ramiter beat Z. Guerry, 6—7, 6—1: S. Dibbs best J. Kud. 6—7, 6—2: 6—2: B. Cottried beat D. Jourbert, 6—2, 6—2: A. Metrevell bgst C. Richey, 6—1, 6—2.

yestarday. Susan Barker will help britain to defend the women's trophy, with Michele Tyler (Kent), who is also retesting from abroad to play. Joanna Dune (Avon), the triple junior champion, completes the side. Ann Jones, a former Wimbledon champion, will captain the side.

Hutchins will be in charge of the boys' team which will be: Rohun Beven (Sussex), Andrew Jarret (Derbyshire) and Tony Lloyd (Essex).

New sponsored club event for the women's game Sweden have withdrawn from next week's under-21 tennis team championship, sponsored by British Petroleum, at Torquay, because of a lack of funds. "They just did not have the money to send their players", the competition organizer. John Barrett, said yesterdey, and added: "I am told by the Swedish Tennis Federation secretary that the absence By Sydney Friskin

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A new club competition for women's hockey, sponsored by Tate and Lyle, was announced at a press conference in London yesterday. This tournament, which is to be launched in the autumn, will be played initially in five territories. Two teams from each territory will qualify for the final pool, the details of which are to be announced later. be announced later.

Support by the same sponsors will be extended to three women's international marches: England v

international marches: England v
New Zealand at Wembley (March
5), England v Wales at Headingley (March 19) and England v
Ireland at Cambridge (March 25).
Much of the expenses for these
matches will be defrayed by a
direct grant of £5,500.

Looking further ahead, England teams can now be sent to a women's under-21 tournament in the Netherlands during the Easter holidays and to a senior tournament in Spain, probably San-

tander, in April. Long term plans include England's defence of the world championship at Vancouver in 1979 and participation in the 1980 Olympic tournament where women's hockey will be included in the programme for the first time. Welcoming the scheme, Mary Russell Vick, president of the All England Women's Hockey Association, said that support Association, said that support would now be available for train-ing programmes and that it would ease the costs of the New Zealand tour of this country from February 14 to March 16.

Cambridge University, who are preparing for their bockey match against Oxford at Lord's on February 19, played a creditable 1—1 draw with the East at Fenner's yesterday. East scored first through Barker from a long cor-ner and Calrus equalized for Cambridge from a short one. Neale failed to convert a penalty stroke for East in the twenty-sixth

Rowing

Special centenary events

will be races for eights on the Type on April 15, and at Durham the following day. Crews are expected from the university boat clubs at Newcastle, Edinburgh, Cambridge, and GSR Aegir (Groningen University, Netherlands), who will celebrate their own centenary next year.

Although university crews competed at Durham from 1834, two years after the university was

The Durham University Boat founded, it was not until DUBC Club centenary year will be was formed that university and celebrated on February 14 by special events in April. There the Palatinate (the Durham Blue) DUBC crews have gained many principal awards at the Durham regata, which originated from the Waterloo procession of boats of 1815 and is older than Hentey, and at other northern regatas.

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On December 7 the Department of the Environment (which had replaced the Ministry of Public Building and Works) sublet to the Post Office the whole of the 20th to 33rd and part of the 34th floors, together with 43 car parking spaces in the basement, for a term of years commencing on March 25, 1970.

The appropriate for the Rest Office

The argument for the Post Office was that since the completion notice contemplated an undirited hereditament and no notice had been served which related to its

octual hereditament, the Post Office was not liable to a rate under the empty property provisions. The contention was that there had to be a coincidence be-

tween the hereditament actually created and the hereditament described in the notice. The Post Office acknowledged that if that submission was correct, the empty

property procedure could not safely or surely be initiated in the case of an office building like the present one until the actual hereditaments had been determined.

His Lordship had not found in the provisions of the Act any escape from the conclusion that

Under paragraph 8 (i) the rating authority had, as a pre-condition of serving a completion notice, to be of opinion that the erection of a building had been completed or

could reasonably be expected to be completed within three mouths. It also had to be of opinion that the building was, or when completed would be, "comprised in a rele-vant hereditament".

The quoted words were difficult

the quotes were arricht to construe and awkward to apply. His Lordship wondered whether the words might have been deliberately chosen to impose rating liability on the owner of an actual hereditament carved out of a whole building hereditament at a

a whole building hereditament at a date subsequent to, and in pur

suance of, a completion notice, served on the whole building. He was not satisfied that

Nor was there any warrant for

would be a correct conclusion.

the submission was correct

armichair Garnet should prove strong and victimough to fight off Andy Pandy and Andy Pandy Highting Hulsh.

ton Richards, the Greystoke ck Park this afternoon. He win the National Trial Sir Garnet, the s Farm Handicap Hurdle Embargo, and the Ribble s Handicap with Rustic

e will be an inspection at oday, in case of overnight

National Trial, now sponby Malcolm Fudge and known as the Haydock Vational Trial, will once ict as one of Red Rum's relimitary races before Two years ago the dual National winner surprised a including his trainer by two victory in this three half mile contest, when red in need of the race. red with the National Red Rum is leniently with this afternoon's run-in the exception of Sir but Donald McCain does consider Red Rum ready imself justice. "Red Rum

and happy after his soliday at Tarporley", the rt trainer said yesterday. be National is still seven way and I have left plenty on. I'd be content to get round safely and himself." larnet has gone from to strength this season, is last three races in good the last meeting on this t the last meeting on this ge beat Set Point by eight over this distance. Set a that form no harm at a seconding for Glanford I Wetherby on Samrday. Dickinson will be trying it his victory here on Gold early in January, I Balley's eight-year-old only risen sharply in the but was also tiring when we feaces from home in riter's race at Kenpron.

riter's race at Kempton



Gordon Richards: chance of treble at Haydock Park.

chief threat to Sir Garnet should be posed by Andy Pandy and No Gypsy, who is the only one of this afternoon's six runners not en-gaged at Aintree. Andy Pandy may be the spearhead of Fred Rimell's attempt to win the Grand National for the fifth time. National for the fifth time.

Already successful three times this season, Andy Pandy was staying on strongly when fourth behind Zeta's Son in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Steeplechase at Sandown Park. Rimell's string are in great heart at present. Although I am told to put in a good word for No Gypsy, who was unsuited by the heavy ground in Gay Vnigan's race at Cheltenham's New Year meeting, I expect to see Sir Garnet

STATE OF GOING (official): Font-rell Park: Steeplechase course, heavy: urdle course, soit, Haydock Park templechase course, good to soft, urdle course, soft, with one or type aim stewards will inspect at 7 am.; omortow: Huntingdon: Soft,

and Andy Pandy fighting out the finish.

As expected Sea Pigeon stood his ground at the four-day stage of acceptors for the Schweppes Gold Irophy yesterday. Thirty one have been declared. Besides Sea Pigeon, Peter Easterby has also accepted with Anna's Prince. Other trainers to be dually represented are Fulke Walwyn with The Dunce and Zeilaman and Rimell with Keilder Forest and Hiram Maxim. Fred Winter, who has never won

Keilder Forest and Hiram Maxim. Fred Winter, who has never won the Schweppes, has declared three. Acquaint, Old Man Dimplex and Linksy. Hills latest betting on the race is as follows: 4-1 Artifice, 10-1 True Lad and Sea Pigeon, 14-1 Tiepolino, 16-1 Oranmore and Fighting Kate.

The handicap experts have been tunuelling their way through the form book like moles in order to undermine our faith in Artifice, who has been backed down from 20-1 to his present price. Raceform Private Handicap have come up with Fighting Taffy and Oranmore, who both ran so well behind Gathering Storm at Sandown on Saturday. They also give good chances to Firesilk and Vespucci.

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Devonshire's six-year-old showed considerable improvement on their Kempton running behind Artifice when first and second at Win-canton last week. Much as I

respect the reasoning of these learned publications. Artifice, True Lad and Tiepolino remain my three for the race.

Schweppes runners and riders

Sea Pigeon (I. Watkinson), Fighting Mate (R. Dickin), Winter Melody (A. Bowker), Young Arthur (P. Haynes), Kelder Forest (J. Burke), Acquaint (J. Francome), Teoptino (R. Champion), Artifice, (J. King), The Dunce (W. Smith), Wolffenow, J. O'nettl), Hiram Maxing (D. Champion), Artifice, M. Johnson, Pighenman's Coll (S. Mosyal), Pighing Taffy (R. Barry), Zelianian (M. Floyd), Piresite (R. E. Balley), Oranmore (R. Alkins). Anna's Prince (---), Crooms (G. Thorner), Dawlish (R. Linley), True Lad (T. Slack), Old Man Dimplex (R. Kington), Slim Jim (---), Flying Diplomat (N. Tinkler), Quickaponny (M. Butchard), Grounds (M. G. Sichard), Charles (G. S. Smither), Charles (G. Scapologist), S. Smithectels), Ben Donacian (M. Blackshaw), Wells Farre (V. Soane).

rdy doubles up with Slap Happy

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staunton trainer, Jack lengths. Slap Happy then had to survive a stewards' inquiry into possible interference with The Muckshifter at the last. The stewards found that Slap Happy did interfere with The Muckshifter at the last. The stewards found that Slap Happy did interfere with The Muckshifter in the choice of the stewards found that Slap Happy did interfere with The Muckshifter in the choice of the stewards found that Slap Happy did interfere with The Muckshifter in the choice of the stewards found that Slap Happy then had to survive a stewards' inquiry into possible interference with The Muckshifter in the choice of the stewards inquiry into possible interference with The Muckshifter in the choice of the survive as the survive shifter in the closing stages, but ruled that the interference was accidental. Christopher Fairburst gained chis own and runs in got favourite backers off distart in the Seaham Selling Handicap when to a two and a half in from Seaton Sands. ands set a blistering ands set a blistering and trained by Christopher's father, Squeak Fairhurst, now goes for a quick double in a Haydock "seller" on Thursday. "That is my tenth winner from only six horses. Shirty Boy, owned and trained by Christopher's father, Squeak Fairhurst, now goes for a quick double in a Haydock "seller" on Thursday. "That is my tenth winner from only six horses. Shirty Boy is an ex-Ken Payne horse. He cost me only 500 gtt: 228 when I bought him out of a piler at Cartisle", said the Middleham trainer.

More Wayward, who revels in the soft going, stormed back to winning form with a smooth five lengths win over Navy Blue in the South Shields Handicap Steeple-Dennis Atkins, riding his six beams Archis, roung ms sx-teenth winner of the season, urged More Wayward into the lead on the flat. More Wayward is owned by Rupert Chalmers-Watson.

Said Wilf Crawford, saddling his fourth winner of the season, from a 12 horse string, "More Wayward does not take long to get over his races, and will pro-bably turn out again at Catterick on Saturday." Santon Brig, owned by Mrs Betty Stein, wife of the Ladbrokes chief, ran out a very lucky 10 lengths winner from Suspender in the Horden Handicap Steeple-chase.

Rusthall can knock spots off his rivals

By John Karter The withdrawal of Shelahnu, one of the favourites for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham, from the Chichest-Hurdle at Fontwell Park this afternorm will inevitably mean a click rather than a clatter at the turn-stiles. The race is still an absorb-ing one, however, and Josh Gif-ford, who took the prize last year with Charlotson, has good reason to believe that Rushmere can give him a repeat.

After he had won his first two races, at Sandown Park and Ascot, Rushmere was being spoken of as a candidate for top juvenile hurdling errors. However, he could only finish third to uncon-sidered Gambling Prioce at Haydock Park in his next race. Rush-mere has been unplaced in both his subsequent races, but they were good-class events and he ran well up to a point on each occasion. When he won at Sandown, Rushmere ended the winning run of Vivacissimo, whom he beat by two lengths and he meets the latter on 13lb worse terms now. This should, in theory, be more than enough to enable Vivacissimo to reverse those piacings, but he has not run since October and Rushmere may prewere good-class events and he ran October and Rushmere may pre-

St Torbay made an extremely Impressive winning first appear-ance when strolling home 15, lengths from O'Conna at lengths from O'Coona at Southwell. Whether that perform-Southwell. Whether that performance was, in the words of the song "just one of those things" or whether it was the birth of an exciting new star is difficult to say. Possibly the former interpretation may prove to be the answer. Friendly Builder did well to beat a big field comfortably at Worcester, but the one they may all have to beat could be Rusthall, who has been improving through. who has been improving through

vail again.

After a fourth to Levarinioss in a well-contested race at Newbury, Rusthall gained a convincing win from Bronson and True Shot from Bronson and True Shot (winner of his next two races) at Cheltenham. Rusthall is given narrow preference over Rushmere and St Torbay. Victory for Rusthall could be the second leg of a double for Fulke Walwyn, whose Brantridge Farmer appears to dominate the Findon Handicap Steeplechase. Five times successful over the course Repartidge over the course, Brantridge Farmer's most toublesome rival would apear to be Reynard.

Another sound bet should be ling Neptune in the Selsey Novices Steeplechase, King Nep-Novices Steeplechase. King Nep-tune stayed on resolutely to beat Parkhouse and Durham Town on this course last month and should not be troubled by the extra dis-tance today. He looks a class above the other recent winners, Court Shadow and Gypsy Baron.

2.45 NATIONAL TRIAL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,460:

3.0 CHICHESTER HURDLE (4-5-0: £1,440: 2m 1f)

Athletics

Britain could be too weak for Italians

By Cliff Temple
Athletics Correspondent
A weskened British athletics
team may have their work cut out
to hold Italy when they meet in
today's indoor manch in Genoa.
With two of the most impressive
winners at the AAA indoor championships 10 days ago, Allan Wells
(50m) and Sebastian Coe (800m),
having refused their invitations,
Britain are now without two more
national champions. Peter Kelly
(50m hardles) and Aston Moore
(triple jump) have withdrawn. The
trip also takes in a match against
Spain on Saturday in San Sebastian.

Walls is replaced in the sprint

Spain on Saturday in San Sebastian.

Wells is replaced in the sprint by Les Hoyte (Thames Valley Harriers), who joins his club colleague, David Hill, in facing Italy's new national record holder for 60 metres, Ghisdulich In Milan last week Ghisdulich In Milan last week Ghisdulich In Milan last week Ghisdulich ran 6.84 sec, breaking a mark held by the European 200m champion, Pietro Mennea. In the AAA champiouship Hill and Hoyte ran 6.8 sec with manual timekeeping, which is reckoned to be slightly faster in its fesults than the automatic appearatus, as used in Milan. So it should be a close race.

In the 800m Coe, a devastating winner of the AAA title at Cosford, is replaced by Peter Browne (Thames Valley Harriers). Browne was originally selected only for the Sanich march and is one of was originally selected only for the Spanish match, and is one of our most internationally experi-enced indoor runners, but he and John Goodacre will face a formid-John Goodacre will face a formidable opponent in the Olympic finalist, Carlo Grippo.

The multi-lingual Grippo has just returned from a series of indoor races in the United States, and, with a best outdoor time of 1min 45.3sec must be one of the favourites for the European indoor 800m title next month,

Kelly is replaced in the burdles by Mark Hatton (Reading), and Moore is replaced in the triple jump by Reynold Edwards (Harin-gey and Southgate). In the women's match Mary Stewart steps down from the 1.500m, the distance at which she set a British record at Cosford last month, to the 800m, in which she faces Gabriella Dorio, bronze medallist in last year's intershe faces Gabriella Dorio, bronze medallist in last year's international cross-country champlonship. Of more irritating significance to Miss Stewart, however, will be the fact that it was Miss Dorio who finished just 0.4 of a second ahead of her in the Olympic 1,500m semi-final at Montreel, and thus kept her out of the inal by half a stride. Miss-Dorio finished sixth in the final.

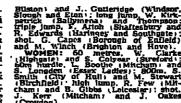
The Halfan women's captain is

The Italian women's captain is Sara Simeoni, the Olympic silver medallist in the high jump, with a leap of 6ft 3 in. She may not reach that height indoors, but she usually jumps well when sup-ported by the fiercely partisan Italian crowd. The riddle of who will succeed Britain's international team leader when Arthur Gold leaves his post as honorary secretary to the British Amateur Athletic Board in June is no nearer being solved with the announcement vesterday Miss Marea Hartman, the board manager, will be overall team manager, will be overall team leader for men and women if Britain reach the final of the European Cup in August. But two other dames also figure prominently. Douglas Goodman is named for the integrational matches

the international matches ast West Germany and the Soviet Union, and Robert Stinson for those against Sweden and Poland.

British teams for Genoa





Cricket

MCC are well tended but ill-mannered on tour

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

Bombay, Feb 8

MCC encamped here this even-ing, in readiness for the fifth and last Test match which starts on friday, after the customary long delay. Due before lunch, they landed from Indore in time for a late dinner. Those of them suffering from minor injuries—Tolchard, Miller, Old and Randall—are all expected to be fit for Test relection.

It says a lot for the players themselves, and for Mr Bernard Thomas, their physiotherapist, that so far only Flencher, at Calcutta and Madras, has been mavailable for selection in any of the Test matches. This must be something of a record for a tour of India. if not of any country. What is much less to the credit both of the team and the management is the reluctance with which they give their autographs. The politest request is turned down, much more often than not, in the most high-handed manager. high-handed manner.

at nine o'clock this morning, hoping for autographs. They were still there at six o'clock this even-ing when the MCC team boarded ing when the MCC team boarded their flight to Bombay, by when they had received numerous insults and no more than the odd signature. While Gavaskar, a passenger on the same flight, obliged his admirers. MCC rejected theirs, though for the hour and a half they were at the airport they had nothing to do with their time. We have a word for this sort of behaviour in Hampshire: it is "ignoraut". It will do as well as any to describe MCC's conduct on many occasions when they are asked to sign. Trying though it must often be to be besieged, it will be worse when they are not recognized at all in the not too

enthusiasts were in Indore airport

Michael Procter, the South African all-rounder, has been nom-insted as Gloucestershire's next cricket captain. The recommenda-tion, from the club's management committee, will go forward to the club's council meeting in March Perhaps three dozen young club's council meeting in March

Trafalgar Park shoot-out

Nelson, Feb 8.—Greg Chappell, ting with three wickets for one the captain, described the run off seven overs, including six the captain, described the Trafalgar Park pitch here as an shot out for 126 on the first day of their three-day match against Central Districts here today. The Australians slumped to the

Trafalgar Park pitch here as an insult to his team after the before the second wicket fell, that Anstralian cricketers had been of Edwards who scored 49 includor Edwards who socred 49 including two successive sixes off Boballs from the left-arm fast
bowler, Gilmour.

But the two hours after tea
proved disappointing for Central,
and as in the previous two matches,
Australia fought back to share the The Australians slumped to the lowest score of their tour as the Central Districts medium fast sowers extracted life out of the usually easy-paced pitch. Chappell jabbed a ball, which shot off a length, on to his sumps and other balls reared head high. Only Turner, who scored 37, managed a reasonable score, Kay picking up four wickets for 34 runs.

Lillee, Walker, and Gilmour failed to extract similar life from the pitch and it was left to the spin bowler Bright to rip the heart out of the Central Districts with a lead of 14 runs.

Scores: Australians. 126 (D. Kay for 341: Contral Districts, 143 for 8 (G. N. Edwards 49; R. J. Bright 3 for 11.

Bookmakers reject Tote money

makers, a subsidiary of the Tote Board who have recently sub-mitted to the Royal Commission on gambling that their aim is to eliminate off-course bookmakers.
"How can an organization Royal Comm wanting to destroy bookmakers be admitted to a bookmakers asso-

An attempt by the Tote to join the Betting Office Licensees' Association—representing 4,200 betting shops—has been turned down. Their cheque for £1,650 membership fee has been returned. At the annual general meeting in London yesterday, Eric Morley, the Bola chairman, said: "The application came from Tote Bookmakers, a subsidiary of the Tote alb betting shops, close down 6,000 matter."

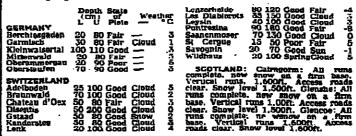
Last month, Woodrow Wyatt, the Tote chairman, submitted plans to the Royal Commission on Gambling for the Tote to take over all betting shops, close down 6,000 of them and form an off-course betting monopoly. Mr Morley said yesterday that Bola were submitting a supplementary memo to the Royal Commission pointing out "how ludicrous the Tote proposals are"

Latest European snow reports

Weather Off Runs to (5 pm) Piste piste resort Rudermatt 60 270 Slush on lower slopes Good Heavy Fair Rain Arosa 115 125

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Some icy patches
La Plagne 150 220 Good Crust Good Snow
Good piste skiing
Niederau 40 100 Worn Heavy Fair Rain
Slush on most slopes
St Anton 80 200 Fair Heavy Fair Rain
Slush on lower slopes
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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The



Law Report February 8 1977

Queen's Bench Division

Empty property rates: completion notice must be specific

Camden London Borough Council v Post Office Before Mr Justice Thompson [Judgment delivered February 4]

LJudgment delivered February 4]
Where a rating authority has served a completion notice in respect of a building, the authority is not thereby entitled, pursuant to the notice, to demand rates in respect of a hereditament subsequently created comprising a part of the building.

His Lordship so decided in dismissing a claim by the plaintiffs, Camden London Borough Council, as the rating authority, for rates alleged to be owed by the defendant, the Post Office, in respect of its occupation of "offices and premises" at Euston Centre.

Paragraph I of Schedule 1 to the General Rate Act, 1967, provides: "1—(1) Where, in the case of any rating area in which this rating area in which . . . this Schedule is in operation, any rele-vant hereditament in that area is vanit nerentainent in that are a unoccupied for a continuous period exceeding three months, the owner shall, subject to this Schedule, be rated in respect of that hereditament for any relevant period of vacancy.

period of vacancy; . . ."

Paragraph 8 provides: "(1)

where a rating authority are
of opinion—(a) that the erection of a bullding within their ares
has been completed; or (b) that
the work remaining to be done on
a building within their area is such a building within their area is such that the erection of the building can reasonably be expected to be completed within three months, and that the building is, or when completed will be, comprised in a relevant hereditament, the authority may serve on the owner of the building a notice (..."a completion notice") stating that the erection of the building is to be treated for the purposes of this Schedule as completed on the date of service of the notice or on such later date as may be specified..."

Mr Gerard Moriarty, OC, and Mr

Guy Roots for the council; Mr Guy Seward for the Post Office.
HIS LORDSHIP said that in 1969 the council served a completion notice on the owners of Euston Tower, a 36-storey block at Euston Centre, appointing February 20, 1970, as the date of its completion for the purposes of Schedule 1. Subsequently, it was agreed between the owners and the council that the whole of the building, with the exception of ground floor

Nor was there any warrant for an alternative conclusion proposed by the council. That was that since the 36-storey block could have been a hereditament and the empty property rate on that hereditament would have become payable on December 11, 1970, the completion notice procedure should be continotice procedure should be considered to have been complied with that the whole of the building, with the exception of ground floor shops, should be deemed to be completed on September 11, 1970, and that a rate in respect of a period when the building was unoccupied ("the empty property rate") would be payable from December 11.

On June 9, 1970, the owners let the whole building except parts of the basement, ground and first floors to the Minister of Public Building and Works. in regard to any hereditament created within the whole building and the appropriate rate for that lesser hereditament should become

Accordingly, the empty property rate did not become payable by the Post Office. The claim failed and Post Office were awarded costs. Saul Rothstein:

appropriate case for an order to be made under Order 113. It would be noted, however, that it was not an ordinary application by a land owner against a squatter, but an

Chancery Division

Wrong procedure to recover possession

London Goldhawk Bnilding Mr Hands, for the building Society v Eminer and Another society, submitted that it was an Before Mr Justice Slade

[Judgment delivered February 2] Lordship as to the applicability of Order 113 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to cases where a mortgagee was seeking an order for possession against an unlawful subtract who claimed to have subtenant who claimed to have purchased the freehold and therepurchasen the freehold and there-fore to have an equity of redemp-tion. The appropriate procedure was that under Order 88, and his Lordship therefore directed that the proceedings be remitted to chambers to proceed as an appli-cation under that order.

Mr Justice Slade was delivering judgment on an originating sum-mons by London Goldhawk Bulld-ing Society against Mr Newzat Eminer, and his wife, Mrs Nedila Eminer. Mr David Hands for the building

Mr David Hands for the building society; Mr Peter Clark for the defendants, Mr and Mrs Eminer. HIS LORDSHIP said that the building society sought possession of premises in Friera Barnet Road, London, under Order 113 on the ground that the defendants, Mr and Mrs Eminer, were in occupation without their licence or consent.

On January 10, 1975, Mr Umit

consent.

On January 10, 1975. Mr Umit Suleyman, then owner of the property, entered into a legal charge, by which he charged it in favour of the building society, under their previous name of London Investment Building Society. Clause 4(3) of the charge provided that the mortgagor, Mr Suleyman, could not grant a tenancy without the society's consent, as mortgages. Mr Suleyman became in default under the mortgage, proceedings for possession were inceedings for possession were in-stituted against him, and on March 23, 1976, an order for possession in the society's favour was ob-

23, 1976, an order for possession in the society's favour was obtained.

On September 30, 1976, the society sought to execute the order by a writ of possession. The sheriff's officer caused three persons then on the premises to leave with their belongings, but later two of them, the defendants, reentered the premises and remained in occupation of them.

The defendants had now filed evidence, which had not been answered. Substantially they said that in February, 1975, about a month after the legal charge, a Mr Soubbi, purporting to act for Mr Suleyman as freehold owner, purported to grant them a tenancy of the premises at file a week. They had never met Mr Suleyman, and at the time they believed that Mr Soubbi was lawfully acting for him, and they had no knowledge of any legal charge. About the end of 1975 or the beginning of 1976, Mr Soubhi, again purporting to act for Mr Suleyman, proposed that Mr Eminer should buy the freshold. According to the defendants' evidence, an agreement was eventually reached for sale of the freehold, which was evidenced by a memorandum dated June 19, 1976, signed by Mr Soubhi on behalf of Mr Suleyman, and the defendants paid Mr Soubhi the purchase price of f3,800. Mr Soubhi died on October 3, 1976, and the defendants discovered, to their surprise, from information given to them by Mr Soubhi the purchase price of f3,800. Mr Soubhi were the same person.

an ordinary application by a land owner against a squatter, but an application made by a mortgagee in his capacity as mortgagee for possession of the land.

In those circumstances the application plainly fell within Order 88, rule 1, which provided that the order applied to "any action (whether begun by writ or originating summons) by a mortgagee or mortgagor or by any person having the right to foreclose or redeem any mortgage, being an action in which there is a claim for any of the following reliefs, namely—... (d) delivery of possession... to the mortgagee by the mortgagor or any other person who is or is alleged to be in possession for the property".

Where a proceeding fell within Order 88 special rules were laid down by rule 6 in regard to the nature of evidence that must be filed. in particular by rule 6(3) an affidavit must show the circumstances under which the right to possession arose, and except where the court otherwise directed the state of the account between the possession arose, and except where the court otherwise directed the state of the account between the mortgagor and the mortgagee. Procedures under the two orders differed in a number of ways, not only with regard to evidence. Under Order 88 proceedings were Under Order 88 proceedings were in chambers.

His Lordship doubted whether Order 113 had any application whatever to an application by mortgagees for possession of land. The wording of Order 88 seemed impliedly to exclude the application of Order 113 to such applications. His Lordship suspected, however that the phint might catious. His Lordship suspected, however, that the point might have been dealt with by recent authority, but since no authority had been cited to him, he would make no final decision upon it, for he was quite satisfied, that whether or not it was appropriate in the first instance for the building society to have applied under Order 113 at a time when it might well be that they did not know of the existence of the contract of sale between Mr Suleyman and Mr Eminer, now that it was known it would be appropriate for the proceedings to proceed in chambers. On the defendants' evidence they had an equitable evidence they had an equitable right to redeem the mortgage, and since they said, in effect, through their counsel, that they were principally interested in securing time before an order be enforced, they might wish to make arrangements to redeem the make arrangements to redeem the

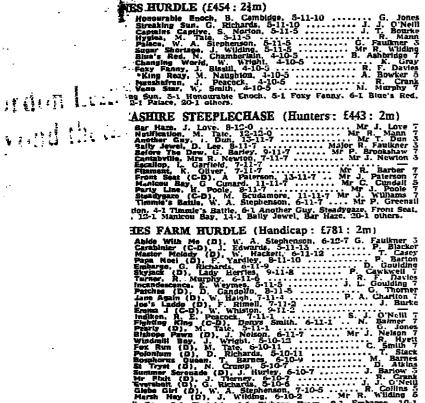
mortgage.

In any event, as matters stood, the Order 88 procedure was clearly the appropriate one to follow. His Lordship would therefore remit the matter to cham-bers, as if it were an application under Order 88. For that purpose the society should submit a sup-plementary affidavit to comply with the requirements of that order. Costs would be reserved to the master. the master.
Solicitors: Warmingtons & Hast-ies: Tyler, Rosburgh & Dawson. Wilde, Sapte & Co ask us to point out that the reference in Industrial Properties (Barton Hill) Ltd v AEI Ltd (February 4) to "the innocent misrepresentation made by the solicitor" in 1966 does not apply to them as they were not acting at that time for the plaintiff

Latest wills

Murdered ambassador leaves £86,132 Mr Christopher Thomas Ewart Ewart-Biggs, of Chelsea, the Ambassador to the Irish Republic who was murdered by terrorists last July, left £86,132 net. He died intestate.

Mr Fred Whittaker, of Middleton, Greater Manchester, left £31,920 net. He left all his property to Walshaw Masonic Home for the aged, Tottington.
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This week's column is by Dianne Hayter, General Secretary of the Fabian Society .

The debate following the Houghton Committee's recommendation last year that government money be given to political parties centred around three points: first, "we can't afford it now"; second "they got us into this mess"; and third "it's bad/good for democracy". Unfortunately, few people have looked farther into what other form of aid could be given by government to help to keep democracy working properly.

I start, in discussing this last point,

from two basic premises. One is that I have no personal objections to state fundhave no personal objections to state fund-ing of political activity (was it only in 1912 that such a fuss was created by the insti-gation of state salaries to MPs?). The second is that party work is both complex (and thus should not be treated as a whole) and also serious (and thus should not be treated lightly; rather we should saek to improve its more in the same treated lightly; rather we should seek to improve its working). Consequently—and as even the minority writers of the Houghton report agree—I would argue that helping parties meet the inevitable costs of fighting elections is beneficial to democracy. It is to no one's benefit if postal votes are not ensured for the old, transport is not arranged for the infirm, and explanations on how and where to vote are not given verbally to those with difficulties in understanding forms. Such miner but viral tasks are currently

Such minor but vital tasks are currently undertaken by party workers.

More interesting however, is the party's role in developing, in opposition, an alternative policy and programme to the government's (necessary not just for its own sake but to offer the electorate a choice) and in formulating, in government, a coherent approach to the problems fac-ing decision-takers. Of necessity, ministers (and their shadows) are absorbed with the ouestions of today. It is beneficial to all that their supporters are meanwhile looking further afield. I say supporters as it is only advice from such quarters that politicions can really trust and rely on. Both parties have their difficulties with the "objective" advice of civil servants, who anyway cannot be briefed to develop objectives or consider implementing policies in a politically feasible manner.

At present, both the Tory and Labour

leadership do have a source of such poli-tically sympathetic advice and proposals. Apart from suggestions on specific areas from particular interest groups (such as Shelter, the Runnymede Trust), they both have their own research departments (concerned mostly with next week or, at most the next election) and also, at arm's length,



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The latter are currently financed, somewhat meagrely, from similar sources as are their associated parties. There was no suggestion in Houghton that this should be otherwise, despite the example of Germany where there are research institutes (Stiftung) connected to each party, heavily subsidized, in relation to each party's size, by state funds.
The Fabian Society, for example, thus

will not only remain financially independent from government but will also maintain its slightly distant relationship with Transport House. That is to say, while affiliated to the party, it is nevertheless autonomous both financially and in terms of its policies. To those interested in developing programmes this distinctiveness is important. Not only can the Fabian Society stay out of arguments between "factions" in the party, but it can also, by not subscribing to the ideas set out in its publications, propose tentative initial ideas without the heart rending that must accompany policy commitments.

It is partly for this reason, and partly because it has only a tiny editorial staff

because it has only a tiny editorial staff (of two) and no paid research staff, that it has both a wider circle of contributors and readers than just party activists. All its publications are by unpaid researchers, free from bureaucratic or party control, free to express views aimed at improving and developing party policy.

The Bow Group, on the right, similarly jealously guards its independence from the formal party structure. My belief is that

formal party structure. My belief is that these groups which can call on a wider

source of expertise contribute to a party' understanding of the vast range of sub jects on which it must formulate policy By using specialists, the Fabian Society can start from a deeper understanding of the position and go on to detail a socialist (or, for the Bow Group, a Conservative)

(or, for the Bow Group, a conservation, approach to the problem.

The aim of such activity is naturally to promote better Labour (or Tory) government and as such, I believe, a better set of policies for all the electorate. To say that is not to argue for government money. But it is to argue for government help of another type: information.

It is surely in the interest of both

discussion on government policy should be both accurate and informed. All pressure groups, because of their interest in a specific area, fulfil a vital role on behalf of the community in exposing and exploit ing data on their subject. It would be a shame if such groups had to spend disproportionate time delving for facts rather than considering and elaborating on them. Too often in our work, we are met with

a refusal to divulge non-security information. The message from non-government organizations of our type to governments must surely be "we don't need money to think, but information". More open government is better government. Furthermore, I believe governments will

get the lobbying they deserve: shallow and superficial if groups are starved of know-ledge, sophisticated and useful if the tools are provided.

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Has the cat sat on the mat for the last time?

Tho-mas, what a cle-ver learning games-master a letter thing it is to read! A lit-tle a-go, you fould read on-ly lit-tle words; and you were forced to \$ rell them, c-a-t, cat; d-o-g, log. Now you can read pretty sto-ries, and I am go-ing to tell you

The result of this kind offer was a tale about a sil-ly lamb who tried to be independent and was torn to pieces by a wolf—not sensationally pretty, but a sobering reminder of what went on in the name of teaching children to read 150 years ago.

It is only a sketchy survey of a large and sometimes doleful subject (how would you like to plough through yards of syll-ables like "ac, ec, ic, oc, uc" only to find the Shorter Cate-

In a set of facsimile-page examples, and in a long and rather wayward Appendix of "Books which were used for the teaching of reading", Mr Chalmers touches on an unexpected variety of opportunities which were open to the humane or the well-to-do. Looking between his lines or investigating some of the books he mendrawbacks yet at the same time possess one can see that post1944 education has not had a monopoly of liberal notions about learning to read. I don't know how far the "Giles Gingerbread method" was carried—when you'd learnt your gingerbread letters you could eat them—or how widespread was the success of Marshall's drawbacks yet at the same time possess potentially entertaining play ideas. Leaving aside "pure" toys and games one finds merging into the terrain of printed books such things as "Playpacks from ITV's 'Rainbow' Programme" (Cape, 75p each), or "Child Play Moments", or "Child's Play Motivation Books" (from

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and Mamma will give you a little packet to open with a tiny book in it-but, given the inexperience of the times and the different opinions about the nature of childhood ancestors were not perhaps as benighted as we think. Perhaps, too, our post-1944 consciences should not be en-

tirely clear, and a twenty-first century Mr Chalmers may find some curious examples of illiberalism in our methods of teaching reading. The inanities of Janet and John have long been fair game for contempo-The quotation—from Mayor's

Spelling-Book—is one of those cited by Mr G. S. Chalmers in an essay on Reading Easy 18001850; a study of the teaching of reading, published by The Broadsheet King, 15 Mortimore
Terrace, London NW5, at £2.50.

It is only a sketchy survey of a child into knowledge? (The many alternative play ideas which, just as the eighteenth-century writers said, can "cozen a child into knowledge". (The most recent statement of this belief is in a new book by Leila Berg: Reading and Loving—Routledge, £2.75—where she once again attacks the pedants chism waiting for you at the end?) but it does also confirm that, despite such constrictions, brighter methods existed too.

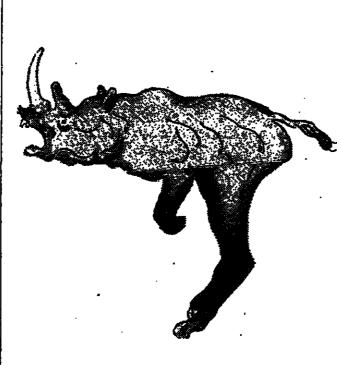
and promotes the nippers with an energetic sentimentality that will certainly make interesting reading in 2077.)

And, indeed, some of the booklets in Leila Berg's "Nip-pers" and "Little Nippers" reading series are an excellent adjunct to a less formal ap-proach to learning-to-read; but beyond such essentially ' ' educational" compilations there is a host of commercial produc-tions which may have individual drawbacks yet at the same time

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The Rhinogaroo from "Animal Lore and Disorder "-a beast from Africa who jumps great distances because of his very powerful tail.

Child's Play Ltd. Restrop Manor, Purton, Wiltshire, 45p each). Like so much commercial material these booklets and playpacks have a relentlessly colourful, Design Centre, styling in their graphics, but they do present opportunities for imaginative exploitation. "Rainbows" like People at Work or Seasons have cut-outs, puzzles, posters and make-it-yourself games; the textless "Moments" books, like On the Farm, make use of smaller flap pages within larger pages to show the progress of little visual anecdotes; and the trendily titled "Motivation" books, like Letters and Words, although hampered by Blytonesque texts, present simple games and puzzles divorced from the schematic rigours of conventional education

eries.
The firm of Child's Play have is introduced other "toyalso introduced other "toy-book" ideas to the massmarket. If I Had a House (85p), for instance, is a thickboard panorama book which opens out from a compact bundle to a series of little scenes showing house-rooms containing such things as elephants, giraffes and Popsicle
Men. Mr Lion's ABC and Old
Macdonaid had a Farm employ
the catchy device of holes-inrooms. While the first of these pages. While the first of these is a failure—largely because of its messy art-work—the second, showing the animals appearing in Old Macdonald's farmyard, with appropriate grunt and moo words, could make for some noisy entertainment.

Paddy Pork books (Macmillan) are much more successful examples of flap-page stories than the "Moments" series, for instance, just as Eric Carle's Very Hungry Caterpillar (Hamilton/Puffin) has a degree of individual character quite lacking in Old Macdonald. How welcome, therefore, is

the republication, scheduled for

next month, of James Riddell's Animal Lore and Disorder (Atrium/Cape £1.50). This is one of the classic "heads-and-tails" books where, by means of pages sliced across the middle, you can make up a mad zoo of utterly impossible beasts. Furthermore, by a clever arrangement of printed words and letters you also get names and descriptions of varying degrees of plausible daftness (the Mog, for instance—a mix-ture of Moose and Dog—lives in the Far North, loves the snow and sometimes bites the Postman by mistake). Com-pared with the solemn lessons on Ox or Hog in Mavor's Spell-ing Book the nonsense of Animal Lore can be seen for

10 read than any reading scheme, ancient or modern.

Brian Alderson Even so, however helpful



devices like these may be to the child getting to grips with books there is nonetheless an air of contrivance about them which is missing from the ori-ginals to which they may owe their existence. John Goodall's Paddy Park books (Magnillan)

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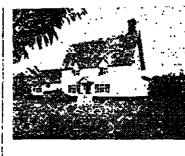
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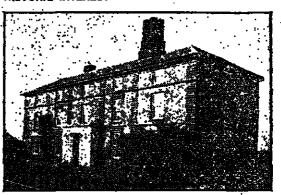
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This eternal Government game of appeasing the powerful, and not a twinge of shame

The series of grubby expedients to which the Government have resorted in the hope of getting their Devoluion Bill through Parliament (the latest and most characteristic being a take referendum, with the question fixed to produce the result required), leads me to offer a thought that has been taking shape in my mind for some time now. For the Devolution Bill and its presentation constitute only the latest fragment of mosaic in what is now a regular pattern.

I do not propose to present my own views on the principle of devolved assemblies for Scotland and Wales. or on the significance that these hodies will or should have : still less am I going to discuss the question of genuine independence for either country. But it is necessary for me to that many men and women in Eng-land as well as in Scotland and Wales can and do support some form of devolution from the highest motives. feeling that these proud and ancient Celtic lands should have more congovernment and resources, or that such sharing of power offers a noble vision of the kind of place the United Kingdom should be, or that a loosen-ing of the Westminster connexion will paradoxically strengthen the links that join the diverse parts of the country

the country.

But the point I am after is that nothing of all this animates the Government at all; there is no feeling that an injustice should be put right, or that a different future, full of promise, beckons the country. From first to last, the only force behind the Government's proposals has been the need to placate sufficient Scottish and Welsh voters to prevent a serious loss of parliamentary seats to the Nation-alist Parties. Nothing else is involved. And this attitude, which I may call Government by placating, seems now —indeed, has long seemed—to run through virtually every significant

comes from this Government

This is seen at its most obvious, of course, in the proposals and actions relating to the trade unions; so obvious is it that there is no need to go into great detail. Such measures as the Employment Protection Act, for instance, were clearly not animated—as they well could have been—by a feeling that working people had for too long been with-out the means of protecting their legitimate interests, and that the balance of industrial power had to be tilted away from its traditional centre of gravity. No, the whole body of legislation has been designed to placate those powerful trade union leaders, the modern equivalent of the old American city bosses, sufficiently to ensure a few more months or even weeks of office for the Government. The extinction of any right not to belong to a trade union, for instance, together with the refusal to allow even a general right of conscientious objection (a measure now so indelibly, and so naturally, associated with the name of Mr Michael Foot), which would not have seriously limited the union's rights of organization in any way, were included at the behest of Boss Jones and his like, and are there for no other reason.

Indeed the use of this principle has gone still further. I had missed, until David Wood drew our attention to it a couple of weeks ago, the admission by the Government spokesman in the Lords ("the TUC and the trade unions were determined to get a change in the law") that the proposal to revise the laws relating to conspiracy—which many would think long overdue—was put forward not because the loose form of these measures has led to repression and injustice, but at the behest of the union bosses; so it will be possible in future for thugs like the Blessed Martyrs of Shrewsbury to further their work of intimidation unhindered

We are entirely surrounded by examples of government by placating, and the list is almost unending

by any fear of a severe prison sentence when innocent workers get bashed on the head with iron bars. Such measures, as I say, are only the most obvious examples of Government by placating. But study, for another, the words of Mr Callaghan at the Labour NEC's proposal for nationalization of banks and insurance companies. Who can doubt the Mr Callaghan believes and if that Mr Callaghan believes, and if he felt sure his words would not be repeated, would in private say, that the idea is economic lunary and that no government ought to as much as consider it? But he needs to placate the combined left-wing and fellowtravelling majority on the NEC, so he said of the proposal that it was an admirable one, that it must certainly be enacted, and that the only thing against it is the lack of legislative time.

But we are entirely surrounded by examples of what I am talking about. Many civil servants are in the fortunate position of having inflationproofed pensions. Perhaps they should never have had such rights; perhaps they should now be deprived of them.

they seem likely to be, fairly soon) the deprivation will have nothing to do with either justice or economics: it will be instituted only in order to placate those (in all parties and in the press) who have been producing clamour against the bureaucracy, and the fact (among several other relevant facts) that the Government will be breaking its contract with people who entered government service with a contractual right to this benefit will not be allowed to stand in the way of placating those who insist that the contract be broken. What are many of the measures in the Immigration Acts but further

instances of Government by placating —in this case placating the potential following of Mr Powell? (In particular what else was Mr Callaghan's contribution to this development in the matter of the Kenyan Asians?)

What else were the attempts to fiddle the law on behalf of the Clay Cross Clan but the placating of all those in and around the Labour Party who think that the law may be bent and ought to be broken, whenever party considerations demand it? If it comes to that, what else was the it comes to that, what else was the decision, taken on such considerations, to prevent Mr John Gouriet or anyone else taking legal action to stop the postal boycott of South Africa, but a reflection of the Government's feeling that the postal workers in general, and so staunch an ally of the Government as Mr Tom Jackson in particular, had to be placated? placated ?

What of the thousands of millions thrown down such bottomless drains as British Leyland and Concorde Are there not powerful groups and individuals to be placated, and is not the public purse as bottomless as the drains themselves? What of the heroic defence of Britain by Mr Crosland against the hordes Icelandic warriors and their dreaded cod-guns? Were there not people

who felt that it was high time Britain stood up to somebody. And would not a little more time be gainedtime in which some further expedient could be hastily assembled—by placating them? What was the Bullock Committee—its majority and its terms of reference both arranged to ensure that the result, whatever the views of the employer members and indeed of Lord Bullock, would be what had been wanted in advance —but more of the same? And the abolition of private practice within the NHS, which even Lady Castle knows will have no discernible effect on the efficiency or standards of the Health Service? And the Bill giving security of tenure in furnished living accommodation, which has virtually extinguished the provision of such housing altogether?

You can go on adding examples to the list almost indefinitely; certainly the Government will (Take the recent package of economic measures. Were they not, are they not, meant to save the country from ruin? If so, why were they only undertaken to meet the conditions imposed by the IMF in return for the loan? Will this Government not even take steps as essential as those except placatorily? It seems not.) Pernaps a government which has, like this one, lost all sense of purpose, all idea of an horizon, all desire except that of staying in office, must inevitably sink into the condition I have described. But the

dition I have described. But the inevitability does not make the behaviour any better nor the experience of being governed by people thus motivated any less depressing. I am almost inclined to say that an activate melanalizations and the say that an extinct melanalizations are the actively malevolent motive on the part of our rulers would be better than this deaderingly passive one to which they are bound. Apart from anything else, do they never get even slightly ascamed of themselves?

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Detente: Mr Carter tries to temper his evangelism HANCE FC with common sense

Linkage is dead-long live re- ested in a new Salt tre ciprocity. This is the new catch-phrase for the changed handling take the new reciproin Washington of relationships with the Soviet Union. Anyone doubting that there is any sting in the change should consult with the Tass correspondent shose marching order President arter authorized at the weekend in openly admitted retaliation for last Friday's expulsion from Moscow of an Associated Press man.

That was followed by Mr Carter's express concern for Mr Alexander Ginzburg, and his willingness to receive in the oval office such exiled dissi-dents as Vladimir Bukovsky and Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

If the new reciprocity works it will mean that superpower business proceeds as usual, re-gardless of such sharply exchanged slaps. The intent at the White House is to try to keep issues separate, and unlinkedmuch the way, in fact, the Soviet Union has been practising détente, ignoring the theoretical "structures" which Dr Kissinger, the previous Secretary of State, pretended he was imposing.

Confusion for America's friends

The policy, which shows signs of being improvised in the new administration's initial on the job training, seems certain to confuse some of America's friends, irrespective of what it does to the Russians.

Incidents during the administration's first two weeks in office have produced at least two kinds of concern. There have been those Americans, mainly liberals, who have professed to speak for west European governments in suggesting that their reaction is alarm and dismay lest Mr Carter is off on a morality crusade. And, contrarily, there have been shreiks from armchair crusaders protesting that he in fact climbed down off his horse at the first snort from the Soviet dragon.

The trust is less stark, and a little more complicated. For those paying attention, Mr Carter has said enough in his long campaign for office to make it clear that he is serious in his concern for human rights, and in his belief that the American government and people should say and do more under Dr Kissinger.

Mr Carter is an evangelical Christian—he will bear witness. But where he is different, at least from the stereotype of the American moralizer, is in saying that he can at once speak out and do it "without upsetting our efforts towards friendly relationships ".

It is another way of saying that there is no need to silence principles in order to get principles in order to get Soviet agreement on nuclear weapons limitation. There is no linkage, because such mighty issues are decided by each side regardless of moral stands.

Thus in stating that the official encouragement given Dr Andrei Sakharov, the outstanding Russian dissenter was not meant to be an "attack" on the Soviet Union Mr Carter is being consistent. The President most certainly did not rebuke those officials in the State Department who issued the Sakharov statement without making sure they had their minister's approval (which is now accepted to have been a bureaucratic mix-up of the kind that happens while people are still looking for keys to their desks).

Mr Carter merely stated the obvious with the sort of candour that still takes a lot of getting used to, that such statements about the Soviet Union will have to come from him, or from Mr Vance, the Secretary of

Kremlin reactions to the change may have to wait upon of Britain in Brussels the first visit Mr Vance makes to Moscow in March. There seems to be little question the aging Soviet leaders are inter-

sign they do not serio to worry about the r about human rights?

After all, the Ameri very much in their s torrents of propaganc forth in renewed wa Moscow anathematizin in Harlem and Missis: question, of course, is the Soviet leadership c informally, to turn a outspokenness benefit the lives of those in c committee who dare to Debate on this issue I

begun in Washington But it is clear th: shortly be engaged i as the administration to make a major issu munist failures in hun undertakings at the conference in June fo Helsinki signatories sceptics here wonder the Soviet Union will seeking to have the ference in September

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inevitably, emigration

The point is made ! men in power here t can be a middle way the extremes of secre done) and the exces gress legislating favor

Action as well as

Professor Marshall recently appointed fr bia University to I consultant to Mr —as has been widely that "the effort t and practices by f governments is like counter-productive " article on dealing witarian regimes in the ted from a lecture June) also urged ope logue "with a v voices" within thes without polemics, as -has emphasized.

There is also Dr at Mr Carter's side sure the dialogue and that there is act as words. Where, fo Mr Ford was advis Kissinger not to rece der Solzhenitsyn, I probably will.

Speaking of the dissidents, the Wash is to let them kno listening". But it ir admitted the drawbar talk was the cheapes cal exports. "There a line between pl cynic and the blabbe should be found and the paper urged. trying.

West Germany's burdens are greater than Britain's, says the outgoing ambassador

ingly successful years as West structural improvements in in-Germany's ambassador in Lon-dustry. tinued showing of anti-German war films and so on in Britain. don, Herr Karl-Guenther von Hase is leaving Britain for Brussels next month-con-vinced that on balance, his country has heavier hurdens to shoulder and more intractable problems to solve Given the Federal Repub-

lic's high level of prosperity, this may seem paradoxical. But people in Britain tend to see only the economic aspects of the comparison, he pointed out in a farewell interview. They forget that they live within natural borders, surrounded fully divisive energy crisis.
only by allies and friends, at He believes the EEC lost peace with their historic past. West Germans, by contrast, live with the great national tragedy of the division of Ger-

many, and everything that goes with it, including the per-manent pressure of living at or near the communist border. In addition, they have to shoulder the burden of Germany's past, one of the factors which makes it hard for the Federal Republic to find its final role in Europe.

The British burden was from its economic rather than its political past, he said. Britain had pioneered the industrial revolution (to the benefit of others), just as it was now the first to see the limits of econo-

first to see the limits of economic development.

It had suffered from the protected era of Commonwealth trade, and now found itself in the draughty air of European convection. It had been denied the mixed blessings of an end-of-war "zero-hour" with the resampling of hour", with the revamping of institutions and attitudes which followed in West Ger-

many.

His own country had a large surplus: balance of payments surplus; but industry lived on borrowed money to a much greater extent than bere. Britain had its great invisible earnings, and assets as a trading nation which could easily be revived.
As for North Sea oil, he had
no doubts about its value, providing it did not encourage the The common thread through

light for the entry negotiations, which the Heath-Pompidou meeting made even greener. He has nothing against the Then there was the historic war being constantly recalled, Commons vote in October, 1972, and full membership from January 1, 1973: a very difficult first year, with the Yom Kippur war and the pain-

momentum during the Labour cal problems. Among them, he Government's "renegoriations" concedes, is the danger that of 1974-75. But in exchange West Germany, with its low there was the referendum on inflation rate and huge paymembership here, which he sees as a very precious basis. Now he is leaving to become Bonn's Permanent Representative to the European Com- economic giant has put on munities at a time when Britain has the Presidency of the Council of Ministers; and when his old friend Sir Donald Maitland, like him a former Foreign Office and prime ministerial spokesman, is in ministerial spokesman, is in the chair of the powerful Committee of Permanent Representatives in Brussels.

One of the very positive aspects of his exacting new job is that he will remain closely linked to the United Kingdom. He looks forward to using all his knowledge of Britain and dedication to his former job in the interests of Europe as a whole. He leaves London with the belief that good bilateral relations between EEC member states are far from having lost their importance. He sees them indeed as a pre-condition of good relations within the EEC, and necessary to achieve the highest possible

war films and so on in Britain. He thinks Germans should not Herr von Hase's seven years in London has been Britain's entry into the European Community. He arrived just after the Hague summit conference to demonstrate again and again of the Six had given the green that the Federal Republic has light for the entry negotiations, broken with the undemocratic

> but finds that the fresh anti-German inventions children's comics more worrying, since they risk perpetuating a negative picture on a non-historical basis.

> There are other psychologiments surplus, may seem the step. Creditors are never liked, particularly German ones. The political weight, but has not yet found its equilibrium.
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> This is a problem Herr von
> Hase will have to face in Brus-

> sels, and it is a mark of the more political view of the EEC now being taken in Bonn that a man of his gifts and back-ground should at last be sent there, after a succession of economics experts. His fairness, tolerance, tact and ability to master his dossiers will all be stretched in his new job. That he is a man of great self-discipline comes perhaps from his military background. Born in Silesia (now Poland), the son of an army officer, he was brought up in Berlin and joined the army in 1936. As a major he was captured by Soviet troops in February 1945, and stayed as a prisoner in the

near Moscow, then east of Leningrad. Conditions were harsh. Hundreds of thousands of Ger-Relations between London mans died. But Herr von Hase and Bonn have been on a steady upward curve, he believes. He has naturally followed the controversy (in the lowed the lowe



Bonn Foreign Ministry he became head of the press sec-tion, then chief government spokesman. He served in this half years under Adenauer, through the Erhard era, and for a year under Kiesinger,

before becoming state secretary at the Defence Ministry. He is how 59, and regards his seven years in London as difficult post for one and a the most fascinating of his professional life. It is symbolic of the cultural enrichment which his family has derived from

their years here that three of his five daughters will be stay-England. To have so firm a friend of Britain in Brussels

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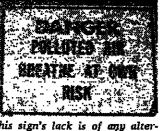
The Times Diary

Wi Lee Jo and the Dragon Lady

P. H. Simpligessverk, my British affairs analyst, writes: Fierce rivalry, accompanied by extravagant public denun-ciations, has blown up among the former followers of Chairman Wil Sun, the late spiritual leader. Wi Lee Jo, formerly Wil Sun's information commis sar, is leading a campaign of vilification against "Dragon Lady" Madame Ma Tse Ya.

Among Jo's charges is one that Madame Ma nagged Wil Sun to an early grave last year ---when, after a power struggle, he was succeeded by Sun Nee Jim. He also alleges that she indulged in bourgeois fripperies such as writing letters on lavender-scented rice-paper (so that they could be eaten after they had been read). On one such piece of paper, Jo says, Madame Ma write out the names of her henchmen whom she wanted made Heroes

of the People's Struggle.
Madame Ma was said to be "indisposed" yesterday, but she issued a statement in which she hurled rival accusations hack at Jo. He had, she said, raken part in a whisky-throwing orgy and other excesses, includ-ing a telephone-smashing inci-



This sign's lack is of any alter-native suggestion. It was photo-graphed in a London glass factory by Nina Kaye of Wands-

dent, while working alongside Wil Sun at Dow Ning Street. Executors for Wil Sun produced a long wall poster denouncing Jo for his treachery to the memory of the revered leader, who kept him on as a placeman even during the long vears of his disgrace between 1970 and 1974. It is known that Jo and Madame Ma were constantly battling for the ear of the leader.

There is speculation that Jo's move against Madame Ma might have the support of Sun Nee Jim, anxious to secure h'

thought highly significant that numerous Broadway musicals—the Daily Mirror, the official notably South Pacific—has just party newspaper, devoted five whole pages to Jo's denuncia—

It is called My Heart Belongs

Another mystery is the support given to Madame Ma by Lon Pud, who fell out with Wil Sun many years ago and who does not owe his title of Hero of the People's Struggle to Madame Ma. His letter in her defence appeared in The Times, a semi-official neuropeared. semi-official newspaper.

The line-up on either side is of a complexity which baffles even the most experienced and thoughful eastern observers of occidental politics. It is believed that the true explanation may lie in further ramifications which the tightly-controlled press is not allowed to publish.

Professional

Walking through Mayfair after lunch, I mused that what the Wilson regime lacked was pro-fessionalism. The Haines revelations and recriminations reinforced the impression already given by the Crossman Diaries— of an administration constantly bickering, plotting among themselves in different corners of the kitchen, occasionally throwing whisky, telephones or each other about the room. There was a lack of discipline I had, I must explain, just been lunching with Mary MarIt is called My Heart Belongs

and it is published here on Valentine's Day, but it is not as gooey as those two facts would indicate. It is a straightforward show-business autobiography (complete with the childhood memory of the dry-goods store with the wire that automatically whizzed change and bills across the ceiling) and it will charm those who are charmed by show-business autobiographies. Miss Martin herself would

charm even those who are not. At 63, she admits to still having no clear idea of why she has been so successful. "I've never been a fan of mine", she told me. "I don't sing that well and I don't dance that well."

She has the quality most admired on Broadway—attack. She belts out the songs with verve and volume, giving audiences little chance to escape

She also has the perseverance needed to get on to the Broadway stage to start with. At the start of her career, she went to audition after audition, facing frequent rebuffs, until by the law of averages someone had to hire her. And in the middle of her career she took a year off for singing lessons from Dino

There are not many of her sort around nowadays. This, she reformers of

"Nowadays people want everything", she said. "They want to try everything." And the belt-it-out school of singing

is in any case not too well suited to television. Miss Martin arrived in London on Sunday, the day the Queen celebrated 25 years on the throne. It reminded her that King George VI had seen South Pacific the week before he died in 1952, and she had been presented to him backstage. He told her that he enjoyed playing her records, when he could prise them away from Princess

She admires our royal family. "They do it so well because they work at it", she said. She plans to return to the stage, after an absence of eight years, if a suitable show is found for her. If she does, she is sure to work at it and do it well.

Old stager

Talking of old professionals, they do not come much older than Richard Goolden, who received a special award at the Variety Club's annual show business prizegiving at the Savoy yesterday for his long career as Mole in Toad Of Toad Hall. Goolden, only a few days from his eighty-second birthday, was until last month giving three performances a day, two in Toad and one as an elderly civil servant one as an elderly civil servant in Tom Stoppard's Dirty Linen. A small, bent, but sprightly and witty man, Goolden is tak-ing a few weeks off for what he

recommended for a peerages



described as " a small operation for an old gentleman's complaint", but he has every in-tention of reappearing next pantomine season yet again in Kenneth Grahame's classic children's story. He first played the role in 1930; this year's production was his twenty-second appearance in

the part.
"The last thing I ever won

was a medal for running when suffice, preferably a steak.

Yealed. "Today I feel less like The crunch wou a mole and really rather more like an elderly chimpanzee. I thought I was passé, but apparently not."

He told Lord Delfont, who presented him with his silver heart-shaped trooby, that his friend, the late A. P. Herhert, had once greeted him in the street with: "Hello: I thought we were both dead." In last Friday's Diary I wrote:

"What we need is a good scan-dal." Would that all my wishes were answered so promptly.

Fun food

My suggestion that the new National Theatre restaurant should try matching their menu to the plays in the repertoire has excited some interest. For a start Reginald Spink, a former committee member of the trans-lators' association of the Society of Authors, takes me to task for saying that I would have liked some of the blood sausage frequently referred to in a cyt-ent production, Tales from the Vienna Woods. It is, he says disparagingly, only black pud-

ding mistranslated.
Cyril Ray disagrees with my suggestion of pasta for The Merchant of Venice. Venetians, he says, are more likely to prefer rice or polenta, and in any case nothing less than a pound of flesh would really

Steak. The crunch wor come, Peter Allen when Titus Andr pares a pie of two m baked in their own gruesome idea that lenge any restaurai

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who have written what to do about velvet jacket, which slight wear on one slight wear on one who have written ar most popular suggest should start a ni in evening wear by the sleeves above (If I wore a short-slr." with it I could tattor arm.) Another appealing

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Sir Harold's

From Mr S. C. Leslie

Sir, Of the merits of Sir Harold

have expected anyone in my own or a similar position to do the same.

There is value in importing ex-perts into departments, for a term

which may sometiments, for a term which may sometimes be prolonged and may even become, in the technical sense, permanent. Upon entry, they often have to live down a good deal of mistrust of their personal reliability on the part of their colleagues. For obvious reasons this applies particularly to journalists and publicity officers.

Whatever the technical rights and

Whatever the technical rights and

wrongs, it seems obvious that the system can survive only if civil service conventions about the confi-dential nature of internal proceed-

ings are respected by those who have done temporary service. There

must be dozens of such people about with potentially remunerative secrets in their heads. No minister

could be advised to put his head into the mouth of some imported

Fleet Street lion with a long tongue and no disposition to govern it.

Perhaps the matter will engage

the attention of those responsible for the Civil Service, or perhaps of

the Cabinet Secretariat, which has

had recent experience of the prob-lem. A public statement of guid-ance would be helpful to the

future of the official information

Sir, The fuss about Sir Harold's

Honours List is quite unbelievable to the ordinary person. What is it

all in aid of? It goes to show once

again how out of touch is the whole Establishment including, regretfully, yourself. Sir—in going on and on and on about an affair that no one

outside Westminster, Whitehall and

Fleet Street cares twopence about.

It is rather as if the French Court at the time of Louis XIV expected

the peasantry to take an interest in who took part in a Royal hunting

services.

Yours faithfully,

February 7.

S. C. LESLIE, 5A View Road, No.

From Mr David Bett

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E CHANCE FOR PEACE

come when he arrives tomorrow at the end le East tour on which lked to the leaders of) states and of the Liberation Organizahopes he might have hieving a diplomatic gh were firmly by Monday's statethe Israeli foreign Mr Allon. Israel still solutions 242 and 338 urity Council (providne recognition of all he area with "secure ized boundaries " and negotiations between) but does not accept nt General Assembly affirming the right estinians to self-deternd to an independent te sees the latter as ng the former and ly role for the United n the peacemaking

beim will be received the honour due his but clearly Israel has of helping him with aid on him by the sembly of finding a e PLO to participate egotiations. For sub-cussions on the next rards peace, Israel await the visit of Mr : in the month, for rs the United States mediator in the

Mr Vance himself said at a press conference on January 31 that he had "some thoughts" on the Palestinian question which he preferred to keep to himself. He did say, however, that so long as the PLO refused to recognize Israel's right to exist and to accept Resolutions 242 and 338 as a framework for negotiations it was " difficult to see how progress can be made". He emphasized "that we continue to believe that the recognition of the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people will be critical to any peaceful settle-

A careful reading of these statements shows that Mr Vance would not rule out a role for the PLO in negotiations if the PLO could be brought to recognize Israel's right to exist and to accept negotiations based on Resolutions 242 and 338. This is also the direction in which the main Arab states are working, but it is not ver certain that they can get the PLO to deliver. One reason for this is that it is equally uncertain whether, even if the PLO were to oblige, the Israelis could be brought to soften their opposition either to the presence of a separate PLO delegation at the Geneva Conference or to the creation of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a component of an overall peace settlement. In the hope of making this easier for them. President Sadat has suggested that such a state should be linked

in some way to Jordan, and both he and President Assad have pushed the PLO towards a rapprochement with Jordan, probably with the idea that this might make possible a joint delegation at Geneva.

This pressure is unwelcome to most Palestinians, who still harbour a strong grudge against King Husain over the events of 1970-71. Mr Arafat appeared to be deliberately avoiding a meeting with the King on Sunday. But his freedom of manoeuvre is much more limited than it used to be, and on the same day it was announced that a PLO delegation was leaving for Amman "for talks on the implementation of the Rabat summit conference resolutions". These resolutions provided for an independent PLO "authority" (or state) in any Palestinian territory relinquished by Israel, but also for coordination of both military and diplomatic efforts between the PLO and Jordan, Syria and Egypt.

A clear resolution of the issue is unlikely before there has been a full meeting of the Palestine National Council on the one hand, and before the general election has been held in Israel on the other. Moreover Mr Arafat may use the latter as an excuse for a further postponement of the former. Yet both Dr Waldheim and Mr Vance are surely right in believing that this year offers a chance which will not last indefinitely, nor soon

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tification for such capital investment 1 the long-term net ch as higher rates of / and a stated a for substantial supolid fuel to help in energy requirements l for the mid-eighties to the year 2000. no one reading with est report can doubt Rates of production disappointing, areuways to stimulate their union muscle, oil.

two years since the and, in spite of the higher coal Plan for Coal was burn by the electricity authoriburn by the electricity authorities, increases in coal prices have been far higher than the general level of inflation and eroded what was thought to be a newfound competitiveness with oil.

Recommendations in 1974 for an effective incentive scheme have not yet been implemented, but at least the National Union of Mineworkers has taken an initiative by setting up a study group on this critical matter. Nevertheless, the industry is pointed in the right direction, if still burdened down by its debt interest despite huge grants and financial reorganization.

Britain has technically recoverable reserves of coal amounting to some 45,000 million tons, enough for over 300 years at current rates of output. It is reasonable that this should be exploited in a more planned way after the postwar experience of decline, culminating in bitter and unprecedented as been a somewhat industrial disputes, and the salutory reminders from OPEC of the economic vulnerability of industrialized nations with persists, the miners heavy dependence on imported

Since the inception of tripartite agreement on expanding coal output the Coal Board has identified many opportunities for new investment. Already more than 80 major projects have been approved, covering the establishment of new mines, modernization of existing pits, and exploiting open-cast opportunities. Now we are told that original estimates for these and subsequent capital projects may prove widely wrong, even allowing for inflation. Clearly, the Government should not allow its obvious enthusiasm for the plan to outweigh normal caution in appraising individual developments.

It is no less important that the same enthusiasm for exploiting coal reserves should not give the board a remit to dig where it likes without regard to social considerations. The case of reserves in the Vale of Belvoir, for example, requires an assessment of the widest character, including submitting any of the coal industry's assumptions about the future balance of energy supply to close public scrutiny.

CE FOR THE BANABANS

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d dignified struggle saying that they have systematic-ean Islanders, or ally been paid less than their fair share from the benefits of the phosphate on their island, and they look jealously on the citizens of Nauru, who, similarly dispersed from their phosphaterich home, have attained substantial wealth.

> The financial claims of the Banabans are accompanied by a claim for political and constitutional independence from the Gilbert Islands. The British Government, while not shutting the door completely, has been less than enthusiastic. It has to consider, too, the rights of the Gilbert Islands, which are now self-governing and likely to obtain independence within two years, and those of Tuvalu, formerly the Ellice Islands, which broke away from the Gilberts in 1975. Both of these groups have only limited economic potential and they have in the past relied heavily on funds from phosphate royalties to keep them going. Those royalties will come to an end in about three years, when the phosphate on Ocean Island

> runs out. Moreover, the British Government can point justifiably to the fact that while the Banabans have, in absolute terms, received a small proportion of total phosphate royalties, if looked at per capita, the islanders have not done all that badly, and have, on

their own admission, squandered or invested injudiciously much of their income. The British government must also have in mind the possibility of Ocean Island regaining economic potential through, for instance, fisheries under the forthcoming international 200 mile limits.

The Banabans cannot have it

all ways. If they accept a settle-

ment from the British Government, choose to go on living in Rambi (which is the only home which most of them have known) and achieve independence, or whatever association with Fiji is considered appropriate, they cannot at the same time retain their sovereign rights over Ocean Island. That does not mean that they ought not to be allowed to keep their rights as landowners, and to continue to have the right to enter and stay on the island. It would be unjust, however, in effect, for the flag of Fiji to fly from the scarred face of Ocean Island. Within those limits, there would be no reason for the British Government to oppose the Banaban wish for separation from the Gilberts. It should in any case make a generous payment to the islanders — in whatever form would be most advantageous to them-as compensation for the substantial

age in children Cogswell and

Stallworthy and Dr inuary 24) urge the accept responsibility compensation when follows immunization They argue that the the vaccine have no il responsibility unless established.

agedy of brain damage eviously healthy child ng and understandable elatives to seek the disaster, and to lay in someone's doorstep. Parliament, solicitors io support such claims tion believe they are best interest of the erned but unless in 1 of all the facts this he case.

age to a child may during or after birth es are often unknown. s occur most parents ake a slow and painful

family tragedy, often with the sup-port of a professional team skill with the management of handicapped children. Multidisciplinary care is provided for the physical and emotional needs of the child and family within the framework of the Health Service. Support of parents is often a prolonged and delicate process in which their emotional reactions are channelled into constructive ways of helping their child. Thoughts of litigation or compensation do not usefully contribute to this process. Professor Stallworthy has made the point that no money can compensate for a handicapped child.

All surgical and medical treatment or prevention carries some risk. Patients have a right to know what the risks are before undergoing treatment or agreeing to prophylactic measures for their children. Once the facts (as they are known) have been explained to them by the doctor concerned, the patient should accept both the risks and benefits of the treatment given. In the case of whooping cough vaccine the facts are unclear and medical opinion divided

between the risks and benefits. (It is our personal view that the vaccine should be temporarily withdrawn

moral, if not legal, wrongs it has

done them in the past.

until the facts are known.) Successful claims for compensation will require proof and at present this is difficult or impossible to obtain in a child developing brain damage after an immunization procedure. An association of two events in time does not estab-

lish a causal relationship.

Finally, all families of handicapped children need efficient, sympathetic and at times costly help. For if the Ombudsman were to recommend that one very small group of handicapped children should receive cash compensation this might have an unfortunate effect on the morale of the majority. Yours faithfully.

J. J. COGSWELL, Consultant Paediatrician.

RAIKES, Development Paediatrician, Poole General Hospital, Longfleet Road, Poole, Dorset.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Preserving the sixth forms

From the Headmaster of Highbury Grove School

Sir, There will be considerable disquiet within the teaching profession, and among others concerned for the healthy and purposeful development of secondary education, at Mrs Williams' apparent recent interest in tertiagraphics and the dein terriary reorganization. The de-capitation of comprehensive schools to effect administratively near solu-tions to the problems of sixth form provision will prematurely confirm in their views those who felt that comprehensive reorganization could only affect adversely the educa-tional prospects of our most academically promising youngsters, and will dismay those who saw in it the possibilities of genuine advance.

The implications for both the 11-16 and the 16-19 sectors are manifold, and some of them potentially dispersive. There will be I tially disastrous. There will be, I suspect, an inevitable tendency for those teachers most devoted to their subjects (and that will include many of those best qualified in them) to gravitate towards that sector where there will be the most obvious job satisfaction, "A" level teaching, with the consequent loss of their influence in the 11-16 range (a loss to their colleagues as well as their pupils). There is the considerable possibility that appreciable numbers of pupils, for whom the transition from fifth to sixth form studies within the institution they already know is a natural and attractive progression, will be deterred by the prospect of an entirely new start in a different educational environment (and what will happen to those pupils who

wish to resit examinations they failed in their fifth year?).

There is the further, more subtle, and much less readily definable, change in the general ethos of the school which would result from the removal of even a comparatively small sixth form, affecting the quality of educational offering for all. Sixth formers themselves would be denied the opportunities at present open to them of developing qualities of leadership and service to others (many in my school, engaged in "A" level studies, devote some of their time to assisting first year remedial readers).

Undeniably, there are administrative problems created by the present and projected fall in school rolls There are also solutions to these problems which need not have the morale shattering effect that yet another form of reorganization would have upon the education service. It would be a tragedy if Mrs Williams, who has got so many of her emphases right, should jeo-pardise the consensus she seems capable of sustaining by sacrificing the long term educational interest to a dubious political or economic

Yours faithfully, LAWRENCE NORCROSS, Headmaster, Highbury Highbury New Park, N5. February 8.

A Rhodesian solution From Mr R. W. Kettlewell

Sir. As one who served in Central Africa for nearly 30 years, I wel-come your realistic leader "The End of a Mission" (February 2). Your recognition of the importance of the possibility of some internal agree-ment between Mr Smith and the black majority leader, Bishop Muzorewa, is a timely reminder that, until recently, the British Govern-ment rightly insisted that the people of Rhodesia should sort things out themselves. It was most unwilling to become involved.

Now that the militant nationalists have withdrawn, surely this is the time for Britain and America to do all they can to encourage a genuine internal settlement—instead of condemning it—and to withdraw sup-port for those who wish for a com-munist-backed military solution? Mr Vorster would presumably back such a policy and there would be a chance of preserving Rhodesia's vast potential for the benefit of all its inhabitants and of stemming the communist tide from creeping down Africa.

Yours faithfully, R. W. KETTLEWELL, Orchard Close, Over Norton, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. February 2.

Commons after devolution From Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for West

Lothian (Labour) Sir, Geoffrey Smith (article, January 21) suggests that, if there are to be Assemblies, 57 Scottish and 31 Welsh MPs should come to West-

Numbers are irrelevant. We, Scots, would be voting on policy and provision of funds for matters for which we have literally no responsibility.

In my own case, I could vote on local government reform in London, bur not in Lothian. I could vote on matters of building regulations affecting Bath, Avon, but not affecting Bathgare, the biggest town in my constituency. I could vote on betting loveries and gaming affecting ting, lotteries and gaming affecting Mrs Castle's constituents in Black-burn, Lancashire, but I could do nothing whatsoever in relation to the betring, gaming and lotteries in Blackburn, West Lothian. Or, take Mr Grimond. He could

vote on marine pollution measures affecting Margate, Kent, but could not express an opinion about marine pollution in Muckle Flugga, Shet-

Or take Mr Foot. He could vote on environmental matters in Washington, County Durham, the constituency of the Government Pairing Whip, Mr Dormond, but not on the environment of Ebbw Vale. Or, consider the position of the Prime Minister. He could raise matters of financing cultural activities in Cambridgeshire, Mr Pym's constituency, but not in his own city of Cardiff.

The sooner we realize that in trying to get assemblies in part—though only part—of a unitary state, the Government is embarked on Mission Impossible, the better. TAM DALYELL. House of Commons.

The Bullock Report: gradual progress

From the President of The Institute to be concerned with—that of Honours List of Chartered Secretaries and "participation"? Administrators

Sir. The terms of reference of the Sir, The terms of reference of the Bullock Committee were such that we can be grateful for a scholarly contribution to the debate about industrial democracy and unsurprised that an unpractical and potentially disruptive model has been suggested

gested.
The Chairman of the Brinsh Institute of Management suggests, in his letter (February 4), that there should be flexibility in the development of employee participation in the decision making process even at board level; but this could mean that the board structure will be-come a bargainable item in a list of trade union demands and that a whole range of settlements could emerge across the industrial scene. This would be highly unsatisfactory administratively and confusing to say the least for the investing

No doubt it is important that any decision to implement proposals for employee participation at board level should be agreed between shareholders, employees and man-agement rather than imposed on any one of them; but arising out of the Bullock Report, we do not despair of arriving at guidelines for such participation or even a statutoro model which could be acceptable to a large number of 738 enterprises which the Report enumerates.

It is important to everyone concerned with high standards of administration that companies administration that companies should not take too many diverse routes to what is an agreed destination—the greater involvement of employees in the decision making process. We should proceed by experiment, no doubt, in the first experiment, no dount, in the first instance, but try to keep to a pattern which will make it possible for practical legislation to emerge and which at the same time will not divert us from the need to keep more or less on course with our permers in Europe.

In the Institute of Chartered retaries and Administrators, we shall be putting our minds to the suggestion of such solutions in the coming weeks, Vous faithfully

IOHN F. PHILLIPS. President. The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Adrainistrators. 16 Park Crescent, W1. February 7.

From Mr Michael Ivens Sir, Your interesting correspondence on the Bullock Report has tended to concentrate on the advantages or otherwise of compelling industry to accept trade union representatives on the board. May I comment on the one major aspect that the report was supposed

From Mr Tom Sargant, and others

Sir, Your report (February 3) about

the Hull prison riots, when con-sidered together with other accounts

prisoners involved in them, makes

it very clear that Boards of Visitors

provide a wholly inadequate instru-

ment for protecting prisoners against oppressive treatment and for remedying the grievances which

This is not necessarily their

fault, because they are expected

to combine these vital duties with

the wholly incompatible function

of adjudicating on charges brought

against prisoners and of ordering

joint committee appointed

In May, 1975, the report of a

JUSTICE, the Howard League for

Penal Reform and the National Association for the Care and Re-

settlement of Offenders, under the chairmanship of Lord Jellicoe, recommended that Boards of

Visitors should cease to exercise

disciplinary powers and should be concerned only with the welfare and fair treatment of prisoners,

leaving offences other than minor

oues to be dealt with by panels of professional adjudicators.

Prison riots

lead to riots.

punishment.

In November of last year, the Home Secretary announced in Par-liament that he could not accept

In the meantime we would like to point out that, since the treatment of prisoners is the responsibility of the Home Office, the Par-liamentary Commissioner has full jurisdiction in these matters and the right to interview any prisoner

TOM SARGANT, Secretary of JUSTICE, MARTIN WRIGHT, Penal Reform, NICHOLAS HINTON 2 Clement's Inn,

Conditions in Togo

From the Minister of Information,

Sir, My attention has been drawn to an article concerning my country, Togo, and our Head of State, President Eyadema, written by Mr Geoffrey Weston and published in The Times of January 15. I am sur-prised, to say the least, that a respected newspaper like The Times can publish the assertion that "life for the 20 are control that "life for the 90 per cent of the two mil-lion Togolese who live off the land continues much at it has for hundreds of years". Farmers do not pay tax in Togo and that must make a lot of difference to their lives, to say nothing else. In fact, the whole population, including farmers, have

President Eyadema has not only given our people a sense of national identity, as Mr Weston rather grudgingly admits, but he has also brought tremendous advancement in the social and economic fields and has made it possible for the Togolese nation to make a worthy contribu-tion to the cause of African unity. It is most absurd to suggest that President Eyadema must be dis-appointed at the siting of ECOWAS secretariat in Lagos. In helping to launch that august body, he has never sought anything for himself or for Togo. We are content that the organization's Compensation Fund's headquarters are in Lome.

As for the political dancers that greet the President on the occasion of international conferences, there is nothing Nazi about them, nor are they attempts at deification, as suggested by Mr Weston. They are just a part of African tradition and culture, a way of showing acceptance and appreciation of a leader. Anyone who is familiar with Africa

Finally, Sir, I would suggest that

sums have been spent on research on how men and women behave at work—much of it inconclusive. But one rule of certainty which seems to be established through studies in Wilson's resignation honours list, I share the probable view of the majority of your readers. What concerns me is the way in which its origins, actual or alleged, have been publicized. the United States and elsewhere is that workers tend to accept change About a year after I left the de-partment in which I spent the last dozen years of my civil service life, I was invited to lunch by a distinguished journalist. It appeared over dessert that he wanted me to talk about the inside goings on in my late department—what kind of discussions had taken place, who thought what. I refused, and would have expected appears in my counter.

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and react favourably if they are allowed to participate themselves in contributing their ideas and ex-perience to the change. The great classical American studies show this; they are backed up by the important work that has been done in this country, in India and elsewhere by the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations. It is sad, of course, that the spendid work done by the Tavistock after the war in the coal mines was dropped in this country, and was taken up by places like Scandinavia and the United States.

During this century enormous

The very best examples of effective participation can probably be seen in the United States where the emphasis has been on direct communication to workers on the shop floor. In this country progress towards effective shop floor participation has been seriously hindered by the introduction of the shop steward system during the last war, with the result that communication is seen as being funnelled through him. In Europe the naive political concept of participation has also been a block towards developing genuine shop floor partici-

It is interesting to note that many German industrialists who regarded supervisory boards as being harmless and even mildly useful have now come to realize that the unions have been blocking appointments to boards in heavy industry and the new 50 per cent workers on boards system poses a danger of national syndicalist planning by the unions. It is for this reason that we termed the Bullock Report and so much comment on participation as being illiterate. It is sad indeed that all the significant research on participation during this century seems to have totally passed by those who write with such conviction about the subject. It is also sad in that industry's great social need-to involve men and women at lower levels of the organization, to use their intelligence and experience to the full, and to make their work as interesting as possible—is being side-stepped by the applica-tion of these naive, unsuitable and dangerous panaceas. Yours faithfully. MICHAEL IVENS, Director,

Aims of Industry. 5 Plough Place, Fetter Lane, EC4. February 4.

this recommendation of the Jellicoe In the light of recent events, and believe that this decision was unwise and on behalf of our respec-tive Councils we now urge him to

at the request of his MP.

In default of an independent inquiry, for which you rightly call, invoked. Yours faithfully,

Director of Howard League for Director of the National Associa-tion for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, Strand, WC2. February 4.

when your correspondents visit

I am, Sir, yours sincerely.

Lome, Republic of Togo.

Service.

KWAOVI-BENYI JOHNSON, Minister of Information,

Educating our masters

Sir, Your excellent leader (January 18) rightly criticizes Fulton and advocates a staff college for the civil servant. In view of the

evidence, one wonders why there has been so much (muddled)

hostility? Staff colleges for the armed forces

make invaluable contributions to the morale, efficiency and good leadership of their services. Their record—if nothing else—underlines

need for one for the . Civil

Lord Plowden's good report 1961-

63 on the Representational Services

Overseas, para 436, foresaw the need for those who work overseas: "A

Staff College may become desirable when the unified service " (Foreign

and Commonwealth were then separate) "has been in existence for some time. Among the advantages of such a college would be the

independent assessment it would afford of the abilities and promise

of members of the Service."

The Prime Minister will be in particular sympathy with the last sentence. Your leader refers to "sharpening of faculties"; midcareer is also a time for assessment

and judgment.
On the page opposite your leader

was an interesting article on Cuba and Castro by our former Ambas-

sador in Havana. You, Sir, use his knowledge yet the Civil Service rarely draws on the experience of

the recently retired to help younger

people in mid-career.

The Cabinet look for savings. The

Civil Service Staff College wi bring these about in years ahead. Yours faithfully,

T. D. BRIDGE,

Tavistock Devom

From Mr T. D. Bridge

Africa they should take time to have themselves properly informed and avoid wild and malicious assertions that can only harm Anglo-African relations.

Republic of Togo

seen a significant improvement in their standard of living in the past

President Eyadema is neither a dictator nor a despot, and allega-tions that he has engaged in torturing political detainees can only be described as wicked. In fact there are no political detainees in Togo, and we shall open our prisons to foreign journalists and genuine representatives of Amnesty Inter-

Sale of Mentmore

Darty.

Yours faithfully,

6 Holland Park, W11.

DAVID BETT,

February 7.

From Mr Hugh Leggatt Sir, Mr Denis Mahon (February 7) draws attention to the fact that the proposed auction sale at Mentmore in May is taking place then because of an Inland Revenue rule that proate valuations are only acceptable for three years after the date of death. It is to be honed that this will be promptly rectified but even so the Treasury reply quoted by Mr Mahon strikes one as impractical

and confused, so boding ill for sens-

ible solutions. The truth is that the crisis con-cerning Mentmore is the direct consequence of the workings of the fiscal juggernaut. Yet the Government has the effrontery to imply that it would graciously welcome the assistance of "private sources" extricating it from its selfimposed quandary so that it need not shoulder its proper responsibilities. But the humbug of trying to face both ways is becoming increasingly implausible. Yours faithfully, HUGH LEGGATT.

Leggatt Brothers, 30 St James's Street, SW1. February 7.

From Mr Jeffery Daniels

Sir, Mr Mark Girouard, in his letter (February 5), emphasizes the points of difference between Mentmore and Waddesdon, whereas, in his own book The Victorian Country House (1971), he implies the opposite: on page 184 he describes Mentmore as an early example of Potabelia to become the norm in Rothschild and other plutocrat houses" and on page 136 he sums up the impression given by Waddesdon as "entirely Deckettlid" Rothschild". Even on dating he exaggerates the differences, since, although Mentmore was completed by 1855, Waddesdon was begun in 1874, and the contents were being collected mainly during the late

sixties. One further point; if Mr Girouard and his friends wish to quote me, I should be grateful if they would do so accurately (my phrase was "a heterogeneous accumulation of prestigious loot"), and also with the customary courtesy of an acknowledgemer Yours faithfully,

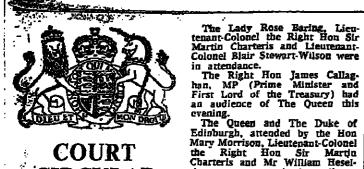
JEFFERY DANIELS, 5 Edith Grove, Chelsea, SW10. February 6.

Jubilee trees

February 7.

From Lady Keswick

Sir, May I make a more practical suggestion than some that have been put forward to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee—could not every parish in the land plant 25 trees, hard woods, oak, ash, beech, etc to mark this great occasion—this would do something to repair the deserts created by Elm Disease. The fact that so many fine trees are past their prime makes planting a necessity as well as a pleasure—the money collected, now being devoted to well intended, but often "unendurable souvenirs, could be used for this purpose. Yours sincerely, MARY KESWICK, Theydon Priory, Theydon Bois Essex.



The Lady Rose Baring, Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charteris and Lieutenant-

Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were

The Oueen and The Duke of

Edinburgh, attended by the Hon

tine, were entertained at dinner this evening by His Excellency the New Zealand High Commissioner and Mrs Carter at New Zealand

House, Haymarket.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior

fellow, this morning presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Council of the Fellowship of Engineering at St James's Palace. Captain Duncan Christie Miller,

RM. and Mr Richard Davies were

in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General, Royal Marines, this afternoon received General Sir Peter Whiteley upon relinquishing

his appointment as Commandant-General, Royal Marines, and Lieutenant-General J. C. C.

Richards on his assumption of

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of Riding for the Disabled Association, this after-noon visited the Royal Mews

Miss Rowena Brassey was in

attendance.
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark

The Princess Ame, Mrs Mark Phillips, Honorary Freeman, accompanied by Captain Mark Phillips, was this evening admitted to the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Farriers. Her Royal Highness and Captain Mark Phillips were later present at dinner at inholders' Hall, College Street, London.

Street, London-Miss Rowena Brassey and Major Nicholas Lawson were in attend-

in Birmingham.

Her Majesty travelled in at Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston,
Captain Alastair Aird and Captain
Roland Grimshaw were in attend-

February 8: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited the Head-quarters of the Invalid Children's

Aid Association, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

The Hon Davina Woodhouse was

KENSINGTON PALACE

Group of the Association.

this appointment.

io Birmingham.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 8: The Earl of Selkirk had an andience of The Queen this morning when Her Majesty lowested him with the Insignia of a Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle. His Excellency Mr Victor Timothy Likaku was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commis-stoner for the Republic of Malawi

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Raphael H. Banda (First Secretary), Mr Hudson W. Tambala (First Secretary (Recruitment)), Mr A. Kazembe (y (Education)). (Second Witnes D. Mkwaso (Second Secretary (Consular Affaks)). Mr Ehjah B. Joshua (Administrative Attaché) and Mr Matthew Ntonya (Administrative Attaché).

(Administrative Attaché).

Mrs Likaku had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by The Queen, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

in attendance. Her Excellency the Hon Anne Armstrong and Mr Tobin Armstrong were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon Her Excellency relin-

leave upon Her Excellency relinquishing her appointment as
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary from the United
Stares of America to the Court of
St James's.

The Queen received the Bishop
of Wakefield (the Right Reverend
Colin Clement Walter James) who
was introduced into Her Majesty's
presence by the Right Hon
Merlyn Rees. MP (Secretary of
State for the Home Department)
and did Homage upon his
appointment. appointment.
The Secretary of State for the Home Department administered

The Hon Davina Woodhouse was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 8: The Duke of Gloucester was present at the "Contact Evening" of the National Hardware Alliance Limited held at the Hotel Metropole, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Blandwas in attendance. the Oath.

The Right Reverend W. G.
Fallows (Clerk of the Closet to
The Queen) and the Gentlemen
of the Household in Walting were in attendance.

Mr James Hamilton, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household)
was received in audience by The

was received in audence by the Queen and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon planted a Lucombe Oak Tree in the Victoria Tower Cardens in

the Victoria Tower Gardens to inaugurate the tree planting pro-gramme in the Greater London area organized by the Silver Jubilee London Celebrations

Jubilee London Celebrations Committee.
Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received upon arrival by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Alderman J. Gillett) and the Chairman of the London Celebrations Committee (the Earl of Drogheda).

Forthcoming marriages

The engagement is announced between William Ian, son of Mr and Mrs T. J. D. Simpson, of Highfield, North Berwick, and Suzannah Mary, daughter of Brigadier R. F. B. and the Hon Mrs. Hengman of A.S. James's interest Heusman, of 4 St James's Terrace Mews. London, NW8, and of Kendal, Cumbria.

Mr T. H. Bartlam and Miss E. G. Balfour The engagement is announced between Thomas Hugh, only son of the late Captain Howard Bartof the late Captain Howard Bart-lam and of Mrs Isobel Bartlam, of Cawood House, Arkholme, via Carnforth, Lancashire, and Gabriel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Balfour, of Beech House, Shalford, Surrey. Mr J. S. Fitzgerald Bond and Miss S. M. Gill

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Seaver, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Walter Fitzgerald Bond, and Sally, daugh-

Birthdays today

Sir John Craig, 92; the Marquess of Exeter, 72; Sir Douglas Haddow, 64; Lord Pearce, 76; Professor S. E. Rasmussen, 79; Mr Dean Rusk, 68; Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, 55.

Marriage

Mr S. R. P. de Burgh and Miss K. M. Leighton-Boyce The marriage took place on Feb-ruary 5 at Brushford, Somerset, between Mr Simon de Burgh, son of Group Captain R. U. P. de Burgh and Mrs M. F. de Burgh, and Miss Karin Leighton-Boyce, daughter of Mr R. A. Leightondaughter of Mr R. A. Leighton-

loyce and Mrs. A. M. Baird.

By Penny Symon
During the 25 years of the Queen's
reign, it is estimated, about 20
million trees have died in Britain

through disease, drought and old

age.
The planting of new ones to

The planting of new ones to make up for the loss is seen as a way of marking the Queen's silver jubiles more permanently than with boolines and firework

celebrations, and yesterday a tree-planting programme was inaugur-lated in London. It is hoped that fr will inspire local authorizies, community organizations and pri-vete individuals to plant as many

trees as possible.

trees as possible.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, planted a Lucombe oak tree in the Victoria Tower Gardens, Westminster, to begin the campaign, which is being organized by the London Tree Group, a subcommittee of the London Celebrations Committee, which was set up to coordinate jubilee events in the capital.

Several tree-planting projects are

Several tree planting projects are

planned for various parts of Greater London, which has suf-fered a loss of about 4,000 elms since 1974 as a result of Dutch

The Greater London Council is

very concerned about the loss, and Mr James Kennedy, chief officer in the GLC's parks department, said that when one tree had to be felled the council undertook to

plant four in other parts of its

"The loss has been very serious, and unless we have two very hard winters, during which the leim bark beetle, which came to this country from North America, and not Holland, is destroyed by the cold, we shall have to continue to cut elms down as they become the content of the

ter of the late Mr and Mrs W. G. Gill, of Godalming, Surrey. Mr J. W. Hugonin and Miss S. Bray and Miss S. Bray
The engagement is announced

A memorial service for Derek Parker Bowles will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Bar-racks, at noon on Wednesday, February 23.

memorial service for Professor

E. V. Telfer will be held at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London, SW1, at noon, on Thurs-day, February 24, 1977.

The funeral service for Mr William Wallace will be held to-

morrow in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, W1, at 11.30

between James, son of Mr and Mrs W. F. P. Hugonin, of Park Cottage, Alnwick, Northumber-Mrs W. r. r. Alawick. Northumber-land, and Sarah, vounger daughter of Mr and Mrs S. P. A. Bray, of Chart Lodge, Seal Chart, Seven-

Dr J. H. Johnson and Miss C. V. S. Weir and Miss C. V. S. Weir
The engagement is announced
and the marriage will take place
on Saturday, April 2, between
Jeffrey, second son of Mr and Mrs
J. Johnson, of Hemel Hempstead,
Hertfordshire, and Carol, only
daughter of Dr and Mrs R. J.
Stuart Weir, of Brighton, Sussex.

Mr. P. J. Market 2004

Mr R. L. Underwood and Miss S. V. Hanson

and Miss S. V. Hanson

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. L. Underwood, of Pasture House, Whitsbury, Hampshire, and Virginia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T. D. Hanson, of East Bridgford Hill, Nottinghamshire.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Feb 8, In slow and solemn echo of Wednesday's tolling of the state bell of St Paul's the gams at the bell of St Paul's the gams at the Tower of London yesterday measured out the 56 years of King George's life. A moment before the first shots boomed across the water the tide had turned in the river which seemed to bear away to the sea of memory the reign of one more of the royal sons of time. As thought moved with the sombre rhythm of the guns the mood everywhere was of quiet recollection, gratitude for a life bravely lived softening everywhere the edge of grief.

The Queen opens tree-planting campaign

The Queen planting an oak in Victoria Tower Gardens.

He said the loss was not as worrying as some people thought. Elms suffered a similar plague about two centuries ago but they grew again.

The ceremony was a modest that they inhibited calculations.

day for a seven-week tour of Wes-

Princess Alexandra, who opened the Hongkong Arts Festival on Sunday, waving to a shopkeeper's baby yesterday in a street of Chinese stores. On a housing estate she met 3,000 Junior Police Call youngsters, who tip off the police about illegal activities.

£1m jubilee exhibition of 'British Genius'

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 8: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother today visited the
International Spring Fair of the
Giftware and Hardware Industries
at the National Exhibition Centre
in Birmingham By Kenneth Gosling

A jubilee exhibition costing fim and aimed at attracting a million people to the former Batterses funfair site was launched in London yesterday under the title "British Genius".

The John Player Foundation, which has organized it, says it is intended to show the British the countbutions they have made to the world in the past century and to depict something of the future. In a message to the foundation the Duke of Edinburgh referred to the achievements of the past century as "probably the most prolific output by any nation in a comparable period of time.

"That this genius has not dried up is demonstrated by the num-ber of brilliant ideas of our own generation, but if they are to flourish they must be planted in a fertile soil", he said.

The site has been cleared and will be ready for the opening on May 27. To demonstrate the fertility of the Battersea soil, a field of barley is to be planted. Dominating the exhibition will be a Skylon-type structure recalling the Festival of Britain. A central 150ft mast will rise above a 12,000 sq ft pre-stressed canvas structure weighing 2½ tons. The mast will be topped by a multicoloured "British Genius" sign, which is expected to become a new London land-

The exhibition will continue until October 30. The admission charge will be £1 for adults and 60p for children, old age pensioners and students. Each Monadorers and stiments. Each mon-day from June 13 to July 11 and from September 12 to October 24, from 10 am to 4 pm, will be set aside for school parties. Until August 31 the exhibition will be open to 9 pm and from Septem-ber 1 until 6 pm.

to become a new London land-

Three sections have been planned: from 1877 to 1952, including the steam turbine, the cluding the steam turbine, the tank, the Vickers machineguo, television, reflector studs, radar and penicillin; the Elizabethan concourse, with more contemporary hardware such as the "flying bedstead" from Rolls-Royce, the swing-wing aircraft of Barnes Walli,s the Hovercraft, the high-speed train and an electric bicycle; and a view of the future, showing the train without wheels, power from the sea, the musical power from the sea, the musical typewriter and the "solar eye-ball", enabling low-cost electricity to be generated from solar radia-tion.

Sir Fred Catherwood, chairman of the exhibition, who is also chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, said yesterday that the country's present difficulty was one of resources, of finding the funds to make the investment that also could translate the inthat alone could translate the inventive genius of the British into marketable products.

"This is the time to recover our nerve and get on with it", he said. "It is also the time to look farther ahead, to make sure we use the oil revenue to put down an infrastructure which will see us into the twenty-first century when the oil has gone."

Choices would have to be made between different life-styles, and it was probable that communica-tion techniques would enable us, if we wished, to revert to cot-tage industry and away from the "dehumanized middless machines of twentieth-century mass produc

tern Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand and Papua, New Guinea, seemed in a relaxed mood. She chatted with the small crowd who had gathered by the Thames to watch the ceremony, and some of them told her that they had been surprised at the unexpected glimpse of her.

Oxford college is planned for clinical students

From Our Correspondent Oxford

Oxford University yesterday approved in principle the foundation of a new college for clinical medical students. It is expected that, by 1981, 200 of the projected 300 students will become members of the new

society, which will draw its fellows from the university and National Health Service consuitants.

associate membership and common-room membership will be offered to about 150 clinicians and community physicians who engage in university teaching. Several Oxford general

practitioners will also become practitioners will also become common-room members.

The new society will be named Radcliffe College and will be housed in the Radcliffe Observatory buildings, which are part of the Oxford Medical School.

Sir Richard Doll. Regius Professor of Medicine, told Congregation, the university's parliament, that the establishment of a new society would not involve the university in extra expense. society would not involve the university in extra expense. It was hoped that eventually the college would have about 50 fellows, including 14 senior members of the university not from the faculty of clinical medicines, 12 NHS consultants, and four holders of posts qualifying them for a professorial fellowship.

Memorial services Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid
The Speaker was represented by
Sir Myer Galpern. MP, at a
memorial service for Sir Henry
d'Avigdor-Goldsmid held at the
West London Synagogue yesterday.
Rabbi Hugo Gryn officiated, and
Sir Isaieh Berlin, OM. gave an
address. Mr Edward Heath, MP,
attended, and Mr Maurice Macmillan, MP, accompanied by the
Hon Dame Katharine Macmillan, Hon Dame Katharine Macmillan, represented Mr Harold Macmillan. Hon Dame Katharine Macmillan, represented Mr Harold Macmillan. Among others present were:
Lady d'Avisdor-Goldsmid I widow. Mr and Mrs. James Teacher son-in-law and daughler. Mylor-General Sir James d'Avisdor-Goldsmid I brother. Mr and Mrs. Toby Waddinston. Miss American Goldsmid, Mr Walker. Dr Rachaet Himer, Lady Kaldor. Mrs Vera Russel, Mr Richard Burion. The Ambassador of Israi, Mine de Bealmarchals I representing the French Ambassador of Israi, Mine de Bealmarchals I representing the French Ambassador i Mary Duchess of Roxburghe. Margaret Duchess of Arqvil, Marquess and Marchioness of Arqvil, Countess of Linguist. Countess of Linguist. Countess of Longlord, the Countess of Drogheda, the Countess of Linguist Counters of Drogheda, the Countess of Longlord, the Countess of Longlord, the Countess of Drogheda, the Countess of Longlord, the Countess of

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Canon A. Fox A memorial service for Canon Adam Fox was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday. The Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev Edward Carpenter, officiated and gave an address. The lessons were read by the Rev Dr Eric Abbott and the Master of the Skinners' Company. Canon David Edwards (sub-dean), the Archdeacon of Westminster, Bishop Knapp-Fisher, Canon John Baker, Canon Trevor Beeson, the Rev Roger Job (precentor) and the Rev N. Collings (chaplain) were robed and in the sanctuary.

Mrs C. Williams A memorial service for Capon Mrs C. Williams

A memorial service for Mrs Mary Frances Williams was held in Truro Cathedral on Friday, Febru-

France honours two British scientists

Rolbervild.

Mr Spencer Le Marchant. MP (representing the Opposition Chief Whip, Mouse of Commons). Mr Anthony and Lady Violet Powell. Mr and Mrs. Joseph Neville, Mr Charles Rappaport (Jewish Colonization Association. Mr J. Liddell-Simpson, Miss Diana Harrison, Major R. E. Field-Marsham (representing the Master and Committee

The French Government has awarded the title of Chevalier of the Order of Merit to Sir Nevill Mott, FRS, honorary professor of experimental physics. Cambridge University, and senior research fellow, Imperial College, London, and to Professor Jacques Grosjean, professor of mechanical engineering, Bath University, for their part in improving links between French and British scientists.

Farriers' Company
Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips,
was admitted to the livery of the
Farriers' Company by the Master,
Professor F. R. Bell, at a special
meeting of the court held yesterday. Princess Anne, who proposed the toast of the Company
and the Master, and Captain Mark
Phillips were presse at a court

Phillips were guests at a court dinner held afterwards at Innholders' Hall. The other speakers were the Master, Mr D. F. Oliver and Dr Oiga Uvarov, President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Metropolitan Special Constabulary Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and Lady Mark were entertained at dinner

at St Stephen's Club last night by the commandants of the Metro-politan Special Constabulary to mark Sir Robert's retirement next March. The chief commandant, Mr Arthur Hammond, was in the

The life barony conferred on Mr Brian Faulkner in the New Year

Honours has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Faulkner of Downpatrick, of Downpatrick in the county of

Children's book reviews

A book review competition open to children under 12 years of age is announced this week in The Times Educational Supplement. It carries prizes to the related

carries prizes to the value of more than £200; the closing date is April 1.

Lord Faulkner of Downpatrick

Dinners

Raymond Leppard concert The English Chamber Ensemble,

conducted from the harpsichord by Mr Raymond Leppard, will give a concert at St John's, Smith Square, Westminster, on Friday, March 4, at 7.30, in aid of Queen Blizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled. The programme will include works by Monteverdi, Cavalli, Albinoni and Vivaldi. The soloist will be Miss Norma Burrowes (soprano).

Calls to the Bar

The following students of the Inns of Court have been called to the Bar in Hilary Term:

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I. S. Singh, Singapore: M. A. Khan.

BA (Phalab), Ll.B (Karachi), Ll.M.

Lond: G. S. Johal, Ll.M. (Lond):

R. D. G. Waiters, Ll.B (Wales).

T. Sagary-Nukoe, BA (Lond): K. H.

Drabu, Ll.B (Aligarh): T. J. C. Eggar,

BA (Cantab): J. G. Shephard, BA (Con):

A. N. Wading, BA (Kent), P. B.

Andrews, Ll.B (Hull): G. S. L. Reley,

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Perkins, BA (Oxon): Miss J. L. Webb.

ILand); M. J. Bodson, Whilley Bay.

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O. R. Daniel, Parwich.

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MIDDLE TEMPLE
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(Lond); A. P. Gore, BA. LLB
(Cantab); J. H. Bourne, BA (Oxon);

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Science report

Dietetics: Soya may lower cholesterol

Enthusiasts for soyabeau substitution or were put on is careful to add that no one tutes for meat (textured vegetable one containing vegetable protein, yet knows what effect might be protein) have been given further most of which came from soya expected on cholesterol from a ammunition for their propaganda beans. After three weeks the partial substitution of mear by campaigns by a research report patients' diets were exchanged.

Whether given before or after consumer surveys have claimed on serum cholesterol. Whether given before or after consumer surveys have claimed. tions are at increased risk.

The Italian report concerns a

group of patients found to have raised cholesterol, all of whom were attending a metabolic clinic

from Italy of the effects of soya on serum cholesterol. Whatever the explanation for the present epidemic of heart disease from coronary thrombosis, the experts are agreed that individuals with high serum-cholesterol concentrations by about 20 per cent; when the soya diet was stopped the cholesterol went up again. The effect was far grater than night there are at increased effect. have been expected from the make-up of the diets, in terms of pro-tein and fat, suggesting that soya protein has some specific action on cholesterol

on cholesterol. and following a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet. They were admitted to hospital, where they may go some way to excither continued on a standard plaining the low cholesterol levels low-fat diet containing mostly found among vegetarians, but it Commenting on the findings in a leading article, The Lancet says

that 25 per cent of the meat in made-up dishes can be replaced with textured vegetable protein without causing any detectable difference in taste. If economic reasons lead to soya protein's forming a substantial proportion of our national diet in the future there may be unexpected benefits on our health.

By Our Medical Correspondent Source: The Lancet (February 5,

OBITUARY SIR KENNETH BRADLEY

Service to Commonwealth ide Sir Kenneth Bradley, CMG, experience made him ; Director of the Commonwealth Institute from 1953 to 1969, died on February 7 at the age

Regalia of

chief sold

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

admitted to being a gasted by the price.

graphical works of art.

for £34,000

The tribal regalia of Captain Henry O'Hailoran, a British soldier who was formally invested as a chief of the Canadian Indian Micmac

tribe in 1841, was sold by Phillips yesterday for 534,000.

His great-great-granddaughter,

Mrs loyce Fairlet, of Surrey, who had long kept the kit in a polythere bay on top of her wardrobe, admitted to being "flabher-

Mr Denis Alsford, curator of the

peerage.
Phillips's sale of astrographical

of Venetion or facon de Venise

lights of the British Misseum. The glass was sent for sale by the executors of his descendant. Colonal George Malcolm of Polyalloch.

The collection realized £78.515.

which roughly doubled Christle's estimate, though 19 per cent of the total represents upsold lots. That is no reflection on the prices;

the executors' calculations concern-ing death duties and capital gains

ing death duties and capital gains resulted in a last-minute decision not to sell all the pieces.

The top price was £14,000 (estimate £2,500 to £4,200) for a 164 inch larticinio gobier and cover, the lace-like metal spirally moulded in steps; a much simpler larticinio gobier with furnel bowl, probably made in Venice, brought £10,000 (estimate £1,000 to £1,800) and a latticinio silvermounted bell made £7,300 (estimate £1,500 to £2,200).

mate 51,800 to 52,300).

All three pieces were bought by

Rainer Zietz, a dealer from Han-over. He and Lameris, from Hol-land, were the main buyers.

land, were the main buyers.

Christie's held a mixed property glass sale, which totalled £37,454, with 5 per cent unsold. Hübner, from Würzburg, paid £3,400 (estimate £800 to £1,200) for an early mineteenth-century amber-flash beaker decorated in enamel with a river landscape by S. Hohn. A picture sale at Sotheby's Beigravia made £27,018, with 2 per cent unsold.

Indian

Kenneth Granville Bradley was born in 1904, the son of Major Hugh Vechell Bradley. Gurkha Rifles, and the grandson of the Very Reverend G. G. Bradley, Dean of Westminster. He was educated at Wellington College, and at University College, Oxford, where he took his degree in 1925. He was selected for the Colonial Service and went to Northern Rhodesia as-District Officer in 1926. There he carried out normal administrative duties until 1939, when he was appointed Information Officer. In 1942 he published his Diary of a District Officer, which District Officer, which deserved and achieved wide renown as one of the best

gasted" by the price. Phillips were estimating about \$10,000. The Micmac tribe had considered putting in a bid, but the National Museum of Man, in Ornawa, secured the prize. It had some strong competition; the underbidder was Mr James Economos, a New York dealer in ethnographical works of art. museum. Hew to London for the sale. "I am delighted that this costume will be going back to its and most readable descriptions, written from the inside, of the home in Canada ", he said. "Since the news got out. I have had all the Indian tribes in Canada breath-ing down my neck." life and work of the British colonial administrator in the days when he was the father of his people in less sophisti-Captain O'Halloran was hon-oured by the Mirmac for his work in resettling Indians. His regalia comprised a frock coat lavishly embroidered with beadwork a hood embroidered with beadwork scrolls, and Union Locks, leaving, cated conditions than prevail in most places now. The book was valuable not only as entertainment but as a sincere exposi-tion of the virtues of a colonial system which was beginning to come under heavy fire.

scrolls, and Union Tacks, learning, moreasirs, two bouches, and helts.

In addition, he was awarded a wooden pine, the bowl carred as an Indian head, a tomahawk with head, a dagger with a beadwork scabbard, and two parchments celebrating his elevation to the tribal In 1942 Bradley was appointed Colonial and Financial Secretary of the Falkland Islands and held this post until 1946, when he returned to Africa to serve for two years as Under-Secretary to the Govern-ment of the Gold Coast. works of art realized £44.537, with 1 per cent unsold. An Easter Island carred male figure 45cm high made £3.000 (estimate £2.000). In a sale of clocks and watches, which totaled £81.408, with 4 per

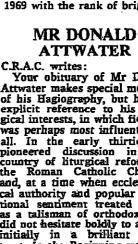
Although Bradley was an exceptionally capable administrator, it was in the public which totalled \$81,408, with 4 per cent unsold. Rapham paid \$2,400 festimate \$3,000 for a mantel time-triece by Thomas Cole. A Phillips furniture sale totalled \$55,600, with 3 per cert unsold.

Christie's had for sale 41 pieces of Venetice or favor de Venetice. relations side of government work that his special interests lay. In 1948 he was offered the have been possible in opportunity of becoming the first editor of Corona, a monthly publication which the Colonial Office was sponsoring as a "house magazine" for the reemin commiss from the collec-tion formed in the pineteenth cen-tury by John Malcolm of Polisi-loch whose collection of Old Matter drawing is among the high-Colonial Service. Bradley found this work very congenial, and the success of Corona was undoubtedly due to the energy and constructive ability with which he laid the foundations during his editorship, which lasted until 1953. Along with this, he was active throughout these years in writing, lecturing and broadcasting on colonial and Commonwealth matters, and when the Directorship of the Imperial Institute became vacant in 1953, his special com-bination of qualifications and died in 1972.

> After the May, 1969 tion he was appointed of Defence. Later the

1969, died suddenly of a heart attack in Khartum on February 1. That very morning he had, in his capacity as Chairman of the Election Committee journalists and the of Sudan's only political party, public as a charmi the Sudan Socialist Union, announced President Nimeiri's re-election as leader of the

party at the second general conference of the SSU.



initially in a brilliant short tract, In the Beginning was the Word, that English ought largely to replace Latin. With learned and generous advice he encouraged those Catholics who founded the English Liturey. founded the English Liturgy Society some 20 years before the great achievement of litur-gical reform at the second Vatican Council.

Mr Derek Parker Bowles, who died suddenly on February 4 at the age of 61, was High Sheriff of Berkshire in 1966.

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The decision, after rgument, to demoli argument, to demoli Imperial Institute buil make way for the deve Science might hav heartened the director. fact Bradley saw it as lenge and as an opport recreate the old instin more lively and c acceptable form than co Though the governin made the decisions, an shared in the work it director who could fair the primary credit imaginative planning of institute at Kensingto Street as well as for the ful maintenance of the (activities of the orga during the extremely period of transition. T building was opened Queen in 1962.

Bradley was created in 1946 and knighted : He married, in 1926, Guyon Rea, of Clevelan and they had two sons.

SAYED OMAR

Sayed Omar el Hag Musa, who had played a prominent part in Sudan politics since the Nimeiri revolution of May, of Defence. Later the year he moved to the of National Guidance. Culture and Information public as a charmir eloquent spokesman government's policies the controversial nat tions of foreign busin .

Omer el Hag Musa was born Civil War in 1970 omar el Hag Musa was born civil War in 1972.

at Kawa on the White Nile in 1924. For most of his adult transferred to a post

Your obituary of Mr Donald died on February 4 at of 78, Born in 1898, th C. F. Balfour, ICS, educated at Wellington Attwater makes special mention of his Hagiography, but has no explicit reference to his liturgical interests, in which field he was perhaps most influential of all. In the early thirties he pioneered discussion in this country of liturgical reform in the Roman Catholic Church, and at a time when acclesion. France and Belgium gai and, at a time when ecclesiastical authority and popular devo-tional sentiment treated Latin as a talisman of orthodoxy, he did not hesitate boldly to argue, MC and Bar. He served again Second World War bei tioned in dispatches, an wards, commanded ti Infantry Division from 1949. He was G Northern Command, fro to 1953 when he retired.

Colonel · Commandant

He married, in Catharine Marjorie, dau Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Rugge-Price, Bt.

Today's engageme
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Scotland, Pont Street,
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Meeting

Fellowship of Engineering
The annual general meetin
CEI Fellowship of Eng.
was held yesterday at St.
Palace, under the chairmathe Duke of Edinburgh,
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given to the meeting by Letton of Bankside, President The following were clear fellows:

Dr. S. P. S. Andrew, Str. Arkins, Str. John Alwell, M. Banter, Str. Edgar Beck. Prof. E. D. Bishop, Viscount C. Dr. A. H. Chilver, Mr. R. J. C. Wood, Mr. A. R. Cooper, Prof. Culler, Mr. S. D. Davies, P. Dummett, Str. St. John Eistut Flitzgerald, Mr. C. H. Flitzgerald, Mr. G. H. Flitzgerald, Mr. C. H. Flitzgerald, Mr. G. H. Flitzgerald, Mr. S. John Eistut Flitzgerald, Mr. G. H. F. Mr. J. R. S. Moerts, Mr. G. J. Mr. M. Mulir Wood, S. Blicolson, Mr. E. Norlon, Mr. Page, Sir Charles Pringle, S. Rooke, Sir Norman Rownth, Mr. S. Strang, Mr. J. Speech, W. J. Strang, Mr. J. Speech, R. W. Wells and Dr. E. L. W.

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As a young man he served with Allied armies in North Africa. He retired from the Army in 1969 with the rank of brigadier.

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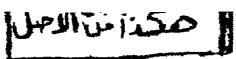
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A flexible legal framework for industrial democracy, p 19

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to cope with the dies. A number of schemes are under preparation in various EEC countries—including the United Kingdom—but the EEC Commission is tightening up its monitoring of such schemes.

In his statement to the working party Mr Shashiki described the Japanese package as "exceptional". The proposed toughening of price controls would cover the period from the beginning of this year to the end of 1978, and would apply to all sizes of ship.

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whose prices in some instances have been up to 40 per cent below those offered by European competitors.

He noted that this move could lead to orders being diverted to countries outside the OECD area, and added: "Further efforts will be required on the part of West European countries to lower their offered ship prices."

He added that if, on the basis of an exchange of information on new orders, some countries oreign ministers

on new orders, some countries were found to be facing an "exceptionally difficult situation Japan would encourage indus-try-to-industry talks and restrain exports to countries

Japan—whose emissary to the Paris talks has been involved in a series of preliminary talks in Europe in the past few days feels that the situation will be "substantially improved" if the measures are adopted.

The Japanese representative,

The Japanese representative, however, dismissed a European plan for a 50-50 sharing of new ship orders as impracticable and prejudicial to free trade. Officials here noted that the Japanese still expect to produce 6.5 million tons of gross of new ships in 1980—that the expected world total icials are also lapan's offer to Japan's offer to to a serious imbalance in the ports to certain world market. European owing bilateral governments want a firm come Community is mitment for production to be goriations should based on compensated tonnage unity wide basis. which reflects the work conear that Japan tent in a ship.

Bill would raise NCB borrowing to £2,600m

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent
Legislation to raise the
National Coal Board's borrowing powers from £1,100m
through two stages to £2,600m
will be introduced in Parliament roday.

National Coal Board's borrowing powers from £1,100m through two stages to £2,600m will be introduced in Parliament today.

Ability to borrow much larger sums of money is vital to an industry where the cost of its ambitious long-term development plans has soared from £1,400m to £3,150m in three years.

Initially the Coal Industry long to fine to add another 42 million tons of new colliery capacity put to 1985 is still valid. And in the longer term, beyond 1985, three years.

Initially the Coal Industry
Bill will aim to increase borrowing powers to £1,800m but the longer term, beyond 1985, there are provisions to raise

the figure to £2,200m and later to £2,600m, subject to parlia-mentary approval.

Official confirmation of the

austry should be aiming at an annual output target of 170 million tons.

This would mean commissioning an annual commissioning and annual commissioning and annual commissioning at an annual commission and annual commission annual commission and annual commission and annual commission and annual commission and annual commission annual commission and annual commission and annual commission annual commission and annual commission and annual commission annual commission annual commission annual commission annual commission annual This would mean commissioning an average of 4 million tons of new capacity each year between the mid-1980s and the end of the century, the bulk of which would have to come from new mines. Development on this scale is likely to cost

f400m a year.

Productivity should build up steadily as the less economic and older pits are worked out and as the existing long-life pits begin to benefit from new parentment. investment. Even with existing technology, average producti-

value of cotal new orders over

the past four months, the

highest such figure for three

years.

But looking to the next four months a "belance" of only 32 per cent foresees an improve-

This is lower than in the

This is lower than in the October survey and significantly down on the April and July 1976 surveys. The CBI says that the "balances" reporting and forecasting increases in the value of domestic orders are substantially lower than the comparable figures for total new orders.

figures for total new orders.
Only 7 per cent of respondents report a fall in the value of output over the last four months, while 70 per cent

registered an increase. The halance of 63 per cent is the highest yet though the CBI stresses that this apparent buoyancy must owe a coosider-

One indicator in the survey

are still improving.

which will cheer the Govern-ment is that investment inten-

According to the CBI a balance" of 4 per cent of

participants expect capital expenditure authorizations on buildings to be higher in the next 12 months than in the previous year, while for plant and machinery the comparable figure is 29 per cent

able amount to inflation.

over seven tons per man shift, making it competitive with the likely future, price of heavy fuel oil.
The report makes a brief

mention of the continuing talks between the Government and the NCB on the problem of interest charges during the development phase when new projects are not yeilding addicional revenue.

Last year interest on loans almost wiped out the NCB's operating surplus of £46m. In the current year borrowing will exceed £300m and interest

revenue.
The NCB has been pressing

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for interest-free loans or loans on which interest was not pay-able until a project was yielding revenue.

In a foreword to the report, Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy said recent results in the coal industry had been

disappointing.

* "Coal for the Future—Progress with Plan for Coal and Prospects to the Year 2000."

Free from the Department of

Energy, Millbank, London. Leading article, page 15

By John Whitmore

Mouthly banking figures show that the banking system as a whole is now comfortably back within the limits on de-posit growth—the "corset"— imposed on it by the Govern-ment last November. The figures, which cover the six weeks to January 19, also point to a further contraction in the

money supply.

The move back inside corset" results from a fall in the banks' interest-bearing eligible liabilities during the month, which has cut the ing resources to 2 per cent from last summer's base date. The Government's requirement is that the banks' interest-bear-ing resources grow by no more

that runs from late last summer to early this spring. When the scheme was intro-duced in November, the bank-ing system was well out of the "corset", with growth of 6.2 per cent over the base level. By early December this had been pulled back to 3.7 per

than 3 per cent over a period

But though the position looks far more comfortable for the banking system as a whole, the major clearing banks are still significantly beyond their limits. Their growth in interest-bearing resources since last summer has fallen only magnifully from last manually. marginally from last month's 63 per cent—though that was a considerable improvement on the near 10 per cent growth they had been showing in

November.
The fall in deposits has come about largely through the diversion of money into the gilt-edged market. Table, page 18 | Since, moreover, this coin**BANK FIGURES**

The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve assets ratios of United Kingdom banks released by the Bank of England today:

At Eligible mid- lisbilities month £m		Hise over 3 months at annual rate %	Reser asset ratio	
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Jan	30,048	0.2	15.5	
Feb	33,206	0.2	15.4	
March	33,108	0.9	15.8	
April	33,909	10.6	15.6	
May	33,740	6.6	15.2	
June	34,029	11.6	15.2	
July	34,989	13.3	14.2	
Aug	35,183	18.2	15.1	
Sept	35,794	22.4	15.4	
Oct	36,623	19.9	14;4	
Nov	37,259	25.6	13.9	
Dec	36.876	12.8	13.8	
1977				
Jan	36.144	-5.1	14.4	

cided with a period when the banks were having to increase their lending significantly to finance (in the main) seasonal interest and tax payments, the latest figures confirm that there was a substantial squeeze on bank liquidity during early

This was relieved by the release of some £730m of special deposits by the Bank of England on January 17, two days before the latest "make-

The effect of this release has been to bump up the banks' reserve asset ratio—the main guide to their liquidity—to 14.4 per cent. But it also makes clear that the banks must have been right down to the minimum statutory reserve asset ratio of 12½ per cent. Financial Editor, page 19

puts case for switch to Talisman

SE Council

By Richard Allen A campaign to convince mem-ber firms of the benefits of switching over to a fully com-puterized settlement system under the proposed Talisman scheme is to be launched by the Stock Exchange Council. Having already laid out over £8m of the expected £13.2m development costs, the Council yesterday voted "decisively" to press ahead on Talisman with a view to starting up in 1979.

After spirited debate, particularly about the approach

larly about the proposed split of charges between jobbers and brokers, the Council approved in full a 41-page report on the new system prepared by the Exchange's Settlement Services

Copies of this report, outlining costs, possible savings, the implementation strategy and, more important, the likely tariff charges, will be sent to all member firms within the next two days. Mr Nicholas Goodison, the Stock Exchange chairman, has also written to all senior partners explaining how and why the Council arrived at its decision.

The crucial referendum of all members required to enable the Exchange to press ahead with its plans takes place in March and in the meactime a major propaganda exercise is under way. As well as copies of the report, member firms will be treated to "do-it-yourself" Talisman kits, cnabling them to work out the effects of the scheme on their own operations, while a series of explanatory seminars is being arranged.

As widely expected, proposed charges are biased heavily in favour of small transactions, re-flecting the SE's anxiety over the decline of the private inves-

tor in recent years.

Although Talisman is designed to cope with a high degree of volatility the indicated and the second state of the second cated tariff structure is based on an average level of 15,000 bargains a day. On this basis the charge under present day conditions would be 67p per bargain with an additional 2.6p per every £100 over that figure to a ceiling of £50,000, where the total charge would be £13.54.

Working on a complicated formula to determine the likely savings to each function of the new system, the Council has agreed that brokers and jobbers should fund Talisman's £7m a year costs on a 70:30 ratio.

Brokers would pay a fixed charge of 48p per bargain with an extra 1.85p per £100 above

the first £500, while the corre ponding figures for jobbers would be 19p and 0.74p. To scrap Talisman now and simply continue with the present range of checking, accounting and reporting ser vices known as Charm would result in termination costs of £3m—only £2m less

further developing Talisman. Meanwhile in answer to recent critics of the Stock Exchange's expenditure levels Mr Goodison says that the Property and Finance Committee is currently working with the chief executive to secure reductions. He expects total savings of £500,000 in each of the next two years, whether or not Talisman goes ahead.

CBI survey finds more optimism in Banks back within industry but little hope for jobless | growth 'corset'

Manufacturing industry is slowly recovering confidence after the bout of pessimism engendered last year by the sterling crisis and doubts about the Government's intentions towards industry. But there is some convers about whether

towards industry. But there is some concern about whether the recovery will go on.

This is the picture that emerges from the latest quarterly industrial trends survey of the Confederation of British Industry, published yesterday.

Among the encouraging signs is a clear indication that investment intentions are investment intentions are buoyant, but the survey underlines that there will be no sharp rise in manufacturing

employment in the near Introducing the survey in London yesterday Mr J. Camp-bell Fraser, chairman of the CBI's economic situation committee, described the recovery as "fragile" but investment was "on the up and up".

Mr John Methven, director general of the CBL said that the policy implications of the survey seemed to be identical with those spelt out earlier this results of the survey because the survey seemed to be identical with those spelt out earlier this year by the confederation in its policy manifesto: the need to cut inflation to an annual 5 per cent by the mid-dle of next year; and the necessity of giving everyone a per cent in the October survey

lot more incentive.
Publication of the survey coincided with publication of the CBI's economic forecasts for the next 18 months. These indicate a very rapid turn-around in the balance of payments and a significant dece-leration in the inflation rate beginning in the second half of this year. But growth is has been strong but there is expected to be sluggish. The now some concern for the involume of output will rise at a mediate future. The survey

modest pace, by about 1.5 per shows that a "balance" of 42 cent through 1977, says the per cent of participants had experienced an increase in the value of sotal new orders over

The industrial trends survey, the CBI's sixty-third, was carried out between January 10 and 26, just preceding official publication of the Bullock report, though the widespread leaks on the report may have had some effect. It covers 1,848 companies, employing about three willion people and 1,848 companies, employing about three million people and accounting for about half the manufactured exports.

Confidence in manufacturing industry is beginning to recover again after last year's sharp setback, the survey shows. Some 22 per cent of respondents now say they are more optimistic about the gen-eral business situation than four months ago while 16 per cent say they are less optimis-tic. This leaves a positive "balance" of 6 per cent (the "balance" being the difference between those saying "more" or "up" and those replying "less" or "down") which is slightly above the average for the series as a

The slow recovery is reflected in capacity utilization. The proportion of companies and 72 per cent last July. But the improvement is largely confined to the intermediate and consumer goods sectors.
The proportion of capital The goods producers working below capacity, at 76 per cent, has been unchanged for three suc-cessive surveys.

and machinery the comparable figure is 29 per cent.

The CBI calculates that the volume of manufacturing investment this year will be 10 to 15 per cent higher than last year. Investment in the year to June 1978 could be around 20 per cent higher than in the previous 12 months is adde previous 12 months, it adds.

UK standby Bank governor for Saudi and Kuwait talks

Economics Correspondent

Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England is to visit Saudi Arabia and Kuwait later this month to explain details of the sterling balance support scheme and the proposed issue of foreign currency bonds.

The visit, from February 18 to February 25, will allow him to discuss the final form the

bonds will take with the two countries. They are the biggest holders of sterling as a reserve currency and might be expected to be the biggest

"fund" or buy out official holders of sterling. Central bank governors in Basle on Monday are believed to have been given an outline of the Government's plans on the form the bonds will take. It is thought that about 75 per cent will be denominated in dollars, with the rest issued in other hard currencies such as

yen and marks.

On his visit, Mr Richardson will be accompanied by Mr Christopher McMahon, exec-utive director concerned with overseas matters, who was clo-

buyers of the government sely involved in the detailed bonds, which are designed to "fund" or buy out official holders of sterling.

sely involved in the detailed negotiations which led to the setting up of the scheme to protect the United Kingdom from the effects of a sudden withdrawal of overseas sterling holdings in London.

The final form of the proposed bonds is likely to be fixed shortly after the two

men return to London. It is expected that the bonds will be issued by the Government in its own name. They will be negotiable, but it is not expected that the Government will seek to create a market. The Government is committed to running down sterling's oil exporters.

role as a reserve currency, either by persuading official holders to buy the new bonds or through allowing them to move their money out of London and to replenish Britain's reserves by drawing on the Basle standby.

Official holdings of sterling, which are the only ones covered by the scheme, stood at £2,756m at the end of September, of which £1,541m was accounted for by oil-exporting countries. At their peak in late 1974 they totalled £5,088m, of which £3,183m were held by

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group Milgo day. as are \$36 a citation fee of States stocksecure Milgo This involves a icluding some ion costs, of £37.5m). The close on Febis offer of \$35 mate with its pplied Digital

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has raised its offer from the \$26 a share since it launched its bid just over two weeks ago. The fact that it is now bidding so much more is a measure of the importance Racal places on gaining a foothold in the American data communications markets. communications market. There was no immediate

reaction from Applied Digital's side yesterday on whether it would match Racal's new offer. There is considerable doubt on the other side of the Atlantic about how far Applied Digital can go on raising its cash and paper offer without depressing its own share price. since at current levels Applied whose offer Digital's offer is getting gerously close to a reverse takeover. Racal eased 20 to ay, claimed it per cent of

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the Stafford ation available to JCB, and in equipment without Poclain's cooperation reluctantly JCB felt unable to go ahead without Poclain's cooperation JCB felt unable to go ahead with plans to form a consortium to acquire some, or all of

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Poclain's equity.

JCB says that the "door is by no means shut" and that it still wants to forge links with Poclain, creating a major Euro-pean construction equipment lding. group. It is willing to re-open megotiations if and when Poctumental informs and information decides to provide the nancial informs.

credit comes into force From Peter Norman Bonn, Feb 8

The \$3,000m standby credit granted to the Bank of England by the Bank for International Settlements came into opera tion today.

A BIS communique released

in Basle, confirmed that 11 western central banks are now backing the facility, which was finally agreed at yesterday's meeting of central bank governors at the BIS.

The Austrian, Danish and Norwegian central banks decided yesterday to participate in the standby thus joining the central banks of Belgium, Canada, West Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States in setting up the "safety

net" for the pound. It was announced last mouth that the standby will be available for a two-year period to enable the Bank of England to counter the effects of the with-drawal of official foreign ster-ling holdings from London. Without going into details European central bank sources confirmed today that the level of British reserves had become an additional criterion govern-ing the access of the Bank of England to draw on standby.

The bank will not be able to

offset net declines in the official sterling balances from the

standby, if the reserves have

risen above a certain level, they

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Steel jobs drive: Sir Charles industry to areas where steel

tion chairman, is to take personal control of BSC (Industry), the subsidiary formed two years ago to soften the blow of indussubsidiary coincides with a cam-paign to attract job-creating of the subsidiary next month.

Villiers, British Steel Corporation chairman, is to take pertact with 1,500 British com-panies considered to be poten-tial customers for the fully serviced industrial sites being try closures and redundancies. offered, complete with skilled Sir Charles's appointment as labour force. Sir Charles is chairman of the BSC's smallest seen above (left) with Mr Ron

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Mr Carter moving swiftly on national energy plan From Frank Vogl

Washington, Feb 8 President Carter is determined to move swiftly forward with a national energy policy. He said today that America was

inporting too much oil and "this has got to stop". The President does not intend to change his new economic stimulus programme because of the anticipated deterioration in economic outlook produced by the cold weather. At his first press conference since taking office he said his programme was "well balanced, well considered . . . fair I think to the American people

Mr Carter currently faces mounting pressure in the Con-gress to expand his reflationary programme. He said today that, while he reserved his right to use his legislative veto power, He was at his bluntest when discussing energy issues. He noted that Aemrica had been

importing more than 50 per

two months at over an average 10 million barrels a day. This situation could not continue, because "we don't have ade-quate reserve supplies of oil stored to meet our needs if we have another embargo or some very serious problems in the future."

He promised that he would not fail to fulfil his campaign commitment of producing a "fair and comprehensive" national energy policy. This would require substantial sacrifices on the part of the American people. I am going to try to make sure that oil and natural gas companies and others that produce do not derive unwarranted profits when we cut back consumption and encourage (domestic) pro-duction", he added.

Mr Carter said he did not

he was working closely with the believe in nationalization of the oil and gas industry. He believed the best means of ensuring the energy develop-ment of publicly-owned lands was by means of selling leases cent of its oil needs in the past through competitive bids.

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Treasury puts case for boosting investment

By David Blake

Profitability of British industry, which has declined in recent years, ought to be increased, according to the

In the Jatest edition of its monthly Economic Progess Report, the Treasury gives pride of place to a study which shows clearly that the Government accepts many, if not most, of the arguments advanced by industry in recent years which suggest that low rates of return are a major factor in explaining turers and Traders. Of 114,096 Sritain's poor investment performance.

It stresses that restoring 1976. profitability is at the heart of the industrial strategy.

Using statistics for industrial and commercial companies in 1975, the study is also relatively sympathetic to the arguments suggesting that dividend payments are necessary for comheir share price is high enough for them to raise capital in the

Pension funds need a stream of income, it points out, and argues that a high proportion of individual shareholders who owned an estimated 42 per cent of all shares in 1973 were widows or pensioners or both.

Against this background, and the role of the 60.5 per cent of all profits retained in financing investment, the report under lines the decline in profitability in recent years. After deducting stock appreciation, the rate of return fell from 13 per cent in 1960 to 4 per cent in 1975, the study says quoting statistics first published in October.

The Government had acted recognizing the need of a stable tax environment and partly by carrying out three reviews public spending in 1975.

Disputes make more idle at Leyland

By R. W. Shakespeare where 32 strikers have the offi-troughout British Leyland's cial backing of their union, the Midlands production centres Transport and General Transport and General Workers—another 1,300 men have stopped work and 1,800 problems are growing and are likely significantly to worsen over the next day or two. More than 9,000 workers were idle yesterday because of disputes. more have been laid off. There is no production of car bodies. Castle Bromwich

yesterday because of disputes, and management spokesmen gave warnings that there could be a progressive lay-off of many thousands more, starting all Jaguar car production at Coventry where 1,300 assembly Coventry where 1,300 assembly also at a standstill with 3,300 workers have been sent home men laid off because of a sepa-

dispute over a redundancy indefinitely.

Two other big plants are 350 paint shop workers who drivers emcentre at Castle Bromwich— immediately vulnerable. They have now been out for more Deliveries.

are the Mini assembly lines at Longbridge where work day after being halted by a separate dispute and the Rover plant at Solihull.

weekend several thousand workers could be affected. Meanwhile, the big Triumph Coventry.
ssembly plant at Coventry is An additional problem is assembly plant at Coventry is

(Birmingham) industrial engineers on workrestarted yester- study exercises Another 400 Triumph workers at the plant at Speke, Triumph

Liverpool have also been laid Lay-offs at both centres off. The Dolomite, the Spitfire. the Stag and the Triumph 2000

are all out of production at

that there is a big stockpile of completed cars because of a two-week stoppage by delivery drivers employed by James Car

Imported cars take 43.5 pc of British market in January

10 new cars sold in Britain last month were foreign, according to figures issued yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacsales, 49,577 (43.5 per cent) were imported, nearly 11 per cent more than in January,

Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of

the federal reserve board, today

hinted that with further rises in

interest rates in prospect, infla-

rion problems must be watched carefully.

gressman Henry Reuss, Dr Burns said that as private cre-

dit demands strengthen in line

with the expected improvement

in the economy, financing of the

large government budget deficit at current interest rates would

rate pressures, he pointed out, but it should not be forgotten that "the reduction in the rate

of inflation has been a signifi-

From Frank Vogl Washington, Feb 8

Dr Burns sees inflation

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become more difficult.

Any improvement in the inflation outlook would have a some upward adjustment in

moderating effect on interest other short-term rates.

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full effect.

On a more optimistic note for British manufacturers, was the rent more than in January, fact that leading seller for the month was Leyland, with However, much of the in- 32,572 sales (28.5 per cent of crease is made up of cars built the market), followed by Ford.

decline during the past two

The Fed is known to be con-

cerned about inflation pros-pects. This anxiety led Dr Burns last week to criticize

President Carter's new reflationary programme, noting that

rates in recent weeks. The mar-

Some upward rate pressure

has developed since the most

recent set of general economic

statistics all indicated improve-

More than four out of every in Europe by multinational com-onew cars sold in Britain last panies like Ford, Chrysler and including imported models. Vauxhall, as their declared Italy's Fiat, topped the list policies of increasing integration of European plants take than double last January's

figure. The company's position has been improved by far more aggressive marketing and the lira's devaluation has made Fiat prices much more competitive.

Volkswagen and BMW from West Germany appeared to be feeling the draught caused by

the strong Deutschemark.

Vauxhall sales in January totalled 10,634, including 3,116 Belgian-built Cavaliers, to give it 9.3 per cent of the market. Chrysler sales were almost halved to 5,841 or 5 per cent of ive. the market, compared to In contrast, companies like January last year.

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Wilson panel to seek City data

The Wilson Committee inquiring into the workings of the City is to ask financial bodies to provide details of their functions and operations within the next two months.
At its second meeting yes-

terday the committee decided to write to all "providers and users of finance" as well as Government Departments and the Bank of England, asking for their view of current arrangements for providing fin-ance for United Kingdom investment, and to describe the part they play in the financial

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By Desmond Quigley Union leaders have expressed strong opposition to the Government to proposals by the Central Policy Review Staff that the power plant manufac-

turing industry should be

rationalized through a series of A delegation from the Con-federation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions told Mr

peting manufacturers rather than wholesale mergers, as the "think tank" suggests. The full executive of the

CSEU will discuss the parlous state of the industry further at a meeting in York tomorrow, as well as considering further representations to Mr. Varley. The four main companies in

the industry are Babcock & Wilcox; Clarke Chapman, of Gateshead; GEC, and C. A. Parsons, of Newcastle. The think tank report on the Varley, Secretary of State for Parsons, of Newcastle. The of the industry's techno lndustry, at a meeting last think tank report on the essence this could come friday that it favoured swoping technology between combine generating interests of orders in partnership.

Parsons and GEC, and the boilermaking activities of Bab-cock & Wilcox and Clarke Chapman, was essential and it was urgent to form units large enough to sustain independent competitive technologies in

While conceding what members described as "a frightening amount of spare capacity in the industry, the committee suggested to Mr Varley that there should be an integration of the industry's technology. In essence this could come down to companies tendering for

Energy groups face US curbs

Washington, Feb 8 .- An extremely broad Bill was proposed in Congress today to break up all the major American energy companies. It was sponsored by 31 Congressmen and is likely to enjoy substantial support.

groups would have to concentrate their activities in only one of their four main business sectors: marketing, transportation, refining or production. They would be required to operate in only one of the three major energy areas: oil and gas, coal, or uranium.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Education and the needs of industry

From Mr J. A. Neale and Mr W. R. Farrow-Smith Sir, Last Thursday's (February Training Centre these same 3) debate on BBC 2 "The question of education" sought to high degree of success in the discover whether the educational standards of school leavers had fallen. We may never know the answer in abso-

lute terms; the sad truth remains that many employers do fallen and are deeply disturbed by what they feel to be a rather poor return for such a large investment in education. The

Perhaps the real point was What we should be missed. asking is why the current educational system is still sending too many young people into life without attainment in the basic skills of literacy and numeracy and why it has failed to draw out their true potential.

belief.

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From Mr Joseph O. Eblan

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comment on, and clarify, points

made in the article entitled

Americans Losing Saudi Busi-

ress (January 6).

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no "supremacy" here. Our
presence is and must remain

based on Saudi Arabian views

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work of Saudi needs. In that

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examinations at technical college. Of the 126 who sat the examination of the City & Guilds of London Institute, 19 passed with distinction, 89 passed with credits, 14 obtained believe that standards of a standard pass and four were numeracy and literacy have unsuccessful. Moreover, all fallen and are deeply disturbed but six had proved capable of

achieving satisfactory national standards in their practical work, which involves considerdebate did nothing to dispel this able use of calculations and accurate measurements various kinds, coupled with the ability to communicate about a wide range of workshop processes.

> It has to be said that, in order to achieve these results, the employer and the colleges of further education had to make heavy investments. Fulltime instruction by well qualified instructors in our Engineering Training Centre was supplemented by a programme of block release, for periods totalling up to 18 weeks at the colleges, reinforced with remedial maths tuition for some at

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Imps' battle for market share

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(1974-75) E530m (£2,354m) (£105.8m) tare 9.3p (7.5p) 7.8p (7.1p).

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Mr Robert Hunt, chairman of Dowty: substantial work expected from the Tornedo pro-

with thoughts of a possible bid—Hawker Siddeley is one rumoured candidate when it finally gets aircraft nationalization compensation—and the

shares may be very cheap. Meanwhile, Dowty is making the best of current trading con-ditions (which are not too buovant).

But prospects look more encouraging Aviation equipment, which last year contributed around 50 per cent of me-tax profits, will get substantial work from the large MRCA Tornado programme, which should get under way within a year and is scheduled to produce more than 800 aircraft. It will be the biggest programme since the Hunter in the 1950's. The mining equipment division, Dowty's other major pro-fit earner, continues to expand. although now without the bene-fit of the Chinese contract, which was, in any case, a mixed blessing given its fixed price nature. Here, too, the future looks promising with considersble mining activity under way in South Africa, Australia and South America. Moreover, major growth is expected in the

United States, where the group has an established presence. The hydraulic seals and industrial hydraulics division recovered in the first half from the depressed conditions of a year ago, helping to lift the group trading profit from £6.45m to £8.7m, a rise of 35

per cent compared with a sales increase of 14 per cent at the corset? In the traditionally stronger second half profits could be

f18m so the shares, up 5p to 115p yesterday, could be on a prospective p/e ratio of 7½. Interim: (1976/77) (1975/76) Capitalization, £65m Sales, £67.3m (£59.1m) Pre-tax profits, £8,575m (£6.152m) Dividend gross, 3.05p (2.77p)

BATs showing Decca

Speculating on the future Takeover speculation has pro-vided more support for Decca's

share price recently than its stolid trading performance. The perennial crop of bid and reorganization rumours, sparked by the question of management succession and linking Decca's name variously with that of Thorn, EMI and even Racal, seems groundless at the moment.

But such speculation does contain a persuasive grain of commercial logic, centred on equipment and consumer interests might be split into businesses individually attractive to its competitors. And it gains force in view of the gams force in view of the climate of opinion against two-tier voting structures and the possibility of a reconstruction, enfranchising Decca's "A" shares and thus reducing the board's ability to block unwel-The underlying commercial logic of the rumours can, how

ever, be seen as one of Decca's strengths, for its spread of capital and consumer products has helped reduce the impact on profits of the recession.

Capital goods are making the running at the moment, accounting for 58 per cent of the £85.3m turnover in the first half of the group's 1976-77 fin-ancial year. Decca has an order book for its large marine radar equipment taking it well into next year, but once fitting out work on ships laid down in the early 1970s is completed there could be an order gap before any eventual revival in ship-building is translated into demand for radar equipment.

Profits from consumer goods are down in the first half with lower TV and record sales. The vagaries of the record and tape market defy explanation, al-though it looks unlikely that Decca will repeat the sharp improvement in sales and profits seen in the second half of

Neither will there be a repe tition of 1976's Australian colour TV sales boom, although Decca has a strong steady market there and is looking for a slight recovery in domestic

TV sales this year. Withour factory closure costs, but facing attributable excep-tional charges of "some hun-dred thousands" after the move of its 50 per cent owned United States radar sales company from New York to Florida, the group believes that full year group believes that full year profits may be lower than 1976's £13.6m, a forecast which sent the "A" and ordinary shares 5p lower yesterday to 250p and 260p respectively. A 5.9 per cent prospective yield on the "A" shares on a prospective p/e ratio of just under 9 looks

vulnerable on all but, what mus be long-term, takeover specula-Interim 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £47.7m Turnover £85.3m (£78.3m)

Pre-tax profits £5.5m (£5.4m) Dividend gross 4.62p (4.15p)

Clearing banks

Back to

The convolutions of monerary re-cycling over recent weeks do nor make the latest banking figures particularly easy to in-terpret, but the general message is much as expected. The authorities' success — some would say overkill—with gilt sales is depressing the money supply and gradually easing the banking system back within the "corset".

The strains all this caused during January when the banks were also having to meet substantial demand for funds to cover seasonal interest and tax payments has already been widely chronicled. All the latest widely chronicled. All the latest figures do is serve to confirm that ahead of the 2 per cent special deposits release the banks, especially the clearers, were hard up against their minimum statutory reserve asset ratios.

With the tax season over, the assumption is that the clearers who have so far been lagging behind the rest of the sector, can now start in earnest on the task of following the rest of the sector back into the constraints of the "corset"—the average figure for February, March and April being the one that

Will the Meriden deal finally triumph?

The immediate cash crisis at tunities over the past two Meriden motor cycle cooperative has been relieved by the fil.5m state-cum-private enterpoint the present unemployment prise rescue package reported yesterday. But what are the

mand they are many—the Meriden experiment in worker control has a number of points in its favour which deserve patient and understanding treatment. The loyalty of the workforce has been tested during the congressive's proven ing the cooperative's two-year life. With the single exception of an "imported" finance director, all 700 employees, including the board of directors, have been paid the same low Originally £50 a week, this has risen in step with the

social contract to the present £56. That is still some £14 to 500 below the average for en-gineering in Coventry and The fir there have been many opport the £56

problems. The workers have also yesterday. But what are the long-term prospects for this remnant of the once all-conquering British motor cycle industry?

Whatever its shortcomings—and they are many—the Meriden experiment in worker control has a number of points in its favour which deserve in its favour which deserve patient and understanding treatment. The loyalty of the

under Norton Villiers Triumph, the former owners of

the factory.
What of the future? Much will depend on the cooperation the workforce is prepared to give the new production experts seconded to Meriden from Sir Arnold Weinstock's GEC, which is putting up flm to buy the cooperative's stock of 2,000 motor cycles and is

from the "all brothers together" enthusiasm of early days, Today the common wage stifles progress at every turn.

The need now is to recruit professionals for every rung of cooperative off the ground. a recognizable management ladder. To attract men of the right calibre the cooperative

must not only pay the going rate, but also demonstrate the workers' willingness to take orders, however unpleasant. This fundamental weakness was clearly identified as long ago as last summer when three ago as last summer when three managers from Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds were seconded to Meriden for three months. Working within the confines of the existing chain of command they converted losses of about £80,000 a month to a profit of between £2,000 and £3,000. Bur a member of the team said that much more could have

of 2,000 motor cycles and is been achieved with profeshelping to set up a marketing sional managers, foremen and operation.

The first casualty must be the £56 wage for all. The ducing highly paid new blood

arranged the government loan of nearly £5m which got the cropperative off the ground. Government approval will still have to be obtained for a new wage structure, but no one expects this to be withheld if GEC and the cooperative can

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agree a suitable new formula.

The introduction of an effective production organization will only give Meriden the tools for the job. It still has to ensure that they are profitably employed.
It is understood that at present less than half the available factory capacity is being used to produce the old Triumph Bonneville 750cc motor cycle and to assemble 125cc models for the Italian

fit logging machines for Steyr-Daimler-Puch of Austria. Dated as it is, the Bonneville still finds support, but its appeal is limited and a replace.

Moto-Guzzi concern and keep-

could cost several mulion pounds, however.

The Bonneville can be greatly improved and updated to enable it to held its present appeal. The snag is that it would necessarily be a short-term palliative. Much as Meriden workers may dislike the prospect they seem to face the prospect they seem to face a future as producers of other people's motor cycles, with their remaining capacity earn-ing its keep on "jobbing contracts" wherever they can be

There remains another altar-native and it was spelt out yes-terday by one of the coopera-tive's supporters. "Sir Arnold Weinstock is nobody's fool and he didn't come in from the goodness of his heart. He must believe we can make a go of it. "If we can show him how to make money why shouldn't he help to finance the development of a new Triumph?" Why, indeed ! Clifford Webb

Seeking a flexible legal framework for industrial democracy The merit of the Bullock report is that it has identified Number of employees Directors

lem of employee participation and clarified them. Its weakness is that it has failed to produce a practical solution or at least to indicate the way to achieve an acceptable compromise between industry and labour. The majority report suffers from a fundamental defect: in

spite of repeated assertions that it is necessary to preserve traditional flexibility of the corporate framework of private enterprise, its suggestions are dogmaric and peremptory. It fails to take account of the great variety of factual situations in which employee representation on the

board level will have to operate in practice. Acceptance of the principle of employee participation is necessary and desirable. Repre-sentation of the employees on the decision making bodies of the company can make an important contribution to indus-

trial peace and the revitaliza-tion of British industry. The Government is committed to the introduction of employee participation which sails under the ambiguous flag of industrial democracy. The task which now confronts the Government is to frame a Bill which safeguards the interests of the shareholders and the

management and, at the same nime, gives effect to the legit-imate aspirations of labour and the trade unions. In the light of the Bullock report, what will be the basic features of that Bill? L It is noteworthy that, single dissenting exception, all members of the Bullock committee, those of the majority and minority, agreed on the principle of parity of represen-tation of shareholders and employees on the board. They

did, in fact, more.

They accepted the famous 2x + y formula, according to which there shall be an equal number of representatives of shareholders and employees on shareholders and employees on the board (2x) and there shall be an additional third group of board members, coopted by the first two groups (y). The point on which the majority and minority differed was the diffi-cult "question of proportions" cult "question of proportions" (page 92), that is the quantification of the elements x and y in the formula. The majority adopted a rigid scheme containing only a small y element, which would produce the result shown in the table.

Appointed by Shareholders 25,000 or more Parliament for the European company.

The majority model is one

of confrontation of share-holders and employees directors, with the coopted directors almost in the position of arbitrators. The minority model aims at cooperation between investors, employees and those

representing the general in-The effect of adopting the majority model would be that the board of directors would become a formal body, just as whatever board structure is adopted. the general meeting, and the real business would be trans-acted below board level by senior management. The seven tion to provide a special reg-reserved subjects which would ulation for "large companies". require the approval of the board (pp 77 and 78) are so elementary that they would not give the board real influ-ence on the conduct of business

strategy. The minority model, on the other hand, would leave the conduct of business in the hands of the managing board and enable the supervisory board to concentrate on business strategy, in cooperation with the managing board, in the best interest of the company. However, it is not intended here to discuss the pros and cons of these two models The question is whether the

majority and minority share enable the legislator to proceed with legislation. That question has to be answered in the affirmative.

In both cases the logislator discussed, would, of course, apply. If the company opts for a unitary board, the formula will in the sense just discussed, would, of course, apply. n ground to the affirmative.

The future Bill should

simply state that the board of directors or, if the company has a supervisory board, the latter shall consist of an equal number of directors elected by the shareholders and appointed by the employees and a third group of directors coopted by the former two groups.

But the Bill should refrain

from attempting to quantify these three elements. Here considerations of flexibility should prevail. Some companies may prefer the minority model, others the majority model in a modified form, and others again may devise their own scheme within the statu-tory framework.

That the minority report like-

wise adopts the principle of parity did not escape the attention of the Secretary of State for Trade, Mr. Edmund Dell, who said in the Commons result shown in the table.

The minority which consisted of three highly experienced industrialists, Mr N. P. Biggs, Sir Jack Callard and Mr Barrie Heath, adopted a more elastic formula, namely one-third of the board to be third of the board to be elected by the shareholders, one-third to be appointed by the employees and the third third coopted by both groups. That is the formula which was suggested by the European wise adopts the principle of parity did not escape the attention of the Secretary of State for Trade, Mr. Edmund Dell, who said in the Commons debate: "In a sense a proposal for a form of parity is to be found in the minority report."

2. The dogmatic approach of the majority report finds expression in its adoption of the unitary board system to the exclusion of the two-tier system for which the indus-

boyhood ambition when he joined Leyland from the American-owned AC-Delco just

over two years ago.
Last night he told Business
Diary: "I have wanted to
work for British Leyland as

long as I can remember. I like their cars, and I like the idea of working for the British car

Neill undoubtedly owes his rapid promotion to his skill in

trialists of the minority opted. The main argument of the majority is that the adoption of the two-tier system would lead to "two separate struc-tures for companies" (p 72). This argument is palpably unsound. The introduction of employee participation of the board of companies having more than 2,000 employees will lead in any event to the adoption of two separate forms of organization for companies, whatever board structure is

It is quite common in Europe and also in harmony with the reality of the situa-

Clive Schmitthoff

That has been done in the Netherlands and in Germany with respect to large private companies (GmbHs). There is no reason why the

next Companies Bill should not admit both types of board structure, the unitary and the two-tier board, and leave the choice between them to the individual company. Here again the principle of flexibility and freedom of choice should prevail. In both cases the formula

apply to that board, and if it adopts the two-tier structure, it would apply to the supervisory board. This optional system was introduced in France in It is quite true, as the

majority report observes (p. 74), that most French com-74), that most French com-panies have decided to retain the unitary system, but then France does not have employee representation on the board with voting rights, as is con-templated in the United King-dom, and well-informed opinion in France expects a preference for the two-tier syspreference for the two-tier sys-tem if, contrary to the wishes

will require considerable alteration of the present company law. In particular, appointment and removal the members of the managing poard will have to be transferred from the general meeting to the supervisory board. It is, however, desirable that, in addition to the right of the supervisory board to remove a member of the managing board, the general meeting should retain its present right to remove the members of the managing board by ordinary managing board by ordinary majority.
3. The majority report further

suggests a statutory clarifica-tion and definition of the duties and liabilities of directors. It bases its suggestions partly on recommendations of the Jenkins report which have not been given effect yet. This part of the report is non-controversial and commend-able. The reform is overdue and, in the context of employee participation, neces-

The majority report further to the same liabilities as share-holder directors. That shall, in particular, apply to the duty of confidentiality and the pro-hibition of insider trading. Further, the suggestions of

the employee directors. Here the majority proposes that the law "should merely lay on the recognized trade union in the unfair to non-unionized labour.
The proposed Bill should provide that in companies in which no closed shop exists, a joint representation committee

(JRC) shall be constituted on which the recognized unions and non-unionized labour in the company are proportionally represented.

The JRC should then devise the most appropriate method

of the Patronat such system of selection. Such a statutory is ever introduced in France.

The introduction of an trade unions preponderance

but would remove the odour of considerable monopoly.

The legislator should reject

the suggestion of the minority that the qualifying period for employees to take part in the election of their representatives to the board should be a minimum of 10 years (p. 181). That suggestion would, if accepted, disenfranchise many employees. The Bill should provide that the qualifying period shall not exceed one

year.
5. The proposed Bill will also have to contain detailed provisions on triggering the system of employee representation (p 113). Here the majority report correctly suggests that that system should only be introduced by a com-pany if the employees of that company so desire.

6. In addition to the points

discussed here, the proposed Bill will have to deal with many other complex questions, such as the treatment of groups of companies, holding companies and foreign multinational enterprises. Some of the suggestions of the majority are employee directors and highly questionable, in particcoopted directors shall have ular the proposal that the defthe same duties and be subject inition of a subsidiary should to the same liabilities as shareholder directors. That shall, in ment, namely that the board of particular, apply to the duty of confidentiality and the proposal that the subsidiary shall execute a decurrent board of instrudocument, known as "instru-ment of control", acknowledging the fact of control by the the majority report on reporting back are unexceptionable. suggestion is admittedly inThey will not require statutory regulation but here the practice will evolve the right of German company law. It balance between what can be reported back and what must pany law of the United Kingremain confidential in the best interest of the company. 4. The Proposed Bill will have to establish the general framework for the appointment of the employee directors. Here the majority proposes that the third proposes that the the majority proposes that the the majority proposes that the third proposes that the the majority proposes that the majority proposes effect to a scheme of employee participation in the administracompany the responsibility to devise whatever method of selection seems most appropriate" (p 118).

This suggestion is manifestly unfair to non-unionized labour.

The proposed Rill should prosubject to the constraints of time. It should be realized that these constraints are not only imposed by the limitations of

imposed by the limitations of parliamentary time but also by the need to have a full public debate of all aspects of the Bullock report. When we proceed to legislation, we must get it right!

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Business Diary: FMF's Coffin • Sir Derek's new seam

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through the yesterday.

liance with the the early days at the food y against high interests of intor-general in March. Lawton, whom he will succeed as direction as who will retire at 62, joined cyril Coffin as who will retire at 62, joined to the Food the federation in 1948 and has Federation is a been its chief executive for 23 The arrival of a senior civil

The arrival of a semor civil servant from the consumer protection ministry may help the federation to woo active consumerists and break down their suspicion of industry. Coffin should be a formidable counterweight to the lobbying power of the farming unions, are time when the manufacat a time when the manufac-turers are disputing the farmers' demand for higher

One of his first tasks in the new job will be to meet his present boss, Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, to discuss the shape of price controls after the present code ends in the summer.

Peacework Sir Derek Ezra, the chairman

ffin : the politics of the National Coal Board, was in Stakhanovite mood when he delivered the latest of the lunchtime talks on patriot16 years in the ism at the City Corporation. f Food and has Church of St Lawrence Jewry

Trade and Inome an under3 Department of of war than of peace, but there nsumer Protecte was room nonetheless for e of the Fair "feats of valour" in the boardroom or the mine as well as on the barrlefield.

There was a patriotism. expressed in devotion to where expressed in devotion to where one lived or worked, that unified where patriotism based on nationalism divided.

But what, Business Diary asked him, if this local or workplace loyalty conflicts with wider allegiances?

Take, for example, the people living in and loyal to the Vale of Belvoir who do not want the NCB to mine the coal discovered there, coal the

discovered there, coal the country needed?
Secondly, what if the way to those "feats of valour" at the coal face lay through the productivity agreements which the

ductivity agreements which the NCB—and some miners—want, but which some of the NUM executive see as setting man against man?

Sir Derek, too eld a hand to be easily drawn, said he recognized the conflict in the Vale of Belvoir between what was "industrially desirable and environmentally preferable" but was happy to leave the matter to "straightforward democratic procedures".

On productivity, he said he thought there would probably be a peaceful settlement since

be a peaceful settlement since the miners "terrific loyalty" to NUM executive recommento NUM executive recommendations was being balanced by a feeling that more power should be given to the pits.

Incidentally, he also said that although he saw participation was a way of building the new patriotism, he thought involvement should start on the shop floor and not as the Bullock majority recommend, in ock majority recommend, in the boardroom.



Leyland Cars' John Neill: ambition fulfilled.

Catch 'em young Leyland Cars have just appointed their youngest managing director, so far. John Neill, 29-year-old graduate of the University of Strathclyde, is the new chief executive of the company's huge parts division. With a turnover approaching £200m a year, and a very profitable record, it has a key role to play in the rea key role to play in the re-organization of the state-con-

rolled motor group. Neill, who replaces John Symonds promoted to the post of production director of

small and medium cars-does

not fit inm the general pattern of the new professional man-agers being recruited by Ley-

land for big wages. While theirs is a simple case of mov-

introducing Unipart retail shops. In less than two years they have spread throughout Leyland's dealer network and later this month he will open the 400th Unipart shop.

He is now wrestling with more mundane problems. For two months the big Cowley parts warehouse which handles spares for most of Leyland's

spares for most of Leyland's popular priced cars, has been beset by strikes. The latest involves 56 parts selectors and has shut it for the past 11 days. The result is that young Neill is having to cope with angry 'phone calls and letters from Leyland car owners whose vehicles are off the road.

For some the lure of the City

is irresistible. Malcolm Hors-man, the former Slater lieutenman, the former Slater lieuten-ant who resigned as chief executive of Bowater Corpora-tion a year ago to devote his time to "academic pursuits", is back again. He's bought a 16.35 per cent stake in David Dixon, a Leeds textile group which has for some time been in dixway with Rank Bridge in dispute with Bank Bridge ing for more money and better Securities over £700,0 11: 0.000, he was fulfilling a Dixon sons it is owed.

Dobson Park Industries

"Negligible gearing and considerable borrowing capabilities provide the ability to plan for real growth over the next few years'

C. F. Ward, Chairman



FINANCIAL RESULTS Group pre-tax profits for the past year amounted to £9,084,000 representing an increase of 13% compared with the previous year. Group sales at £80,744,000 were 14% more than the previous year.

Our investment in plant and buildings last year amounted to £3,639,000 and was comfortably financed from our own resources. We are budgeting for a similar size investment in the present financial year.

Negligible gearing and considerable borrowing capabilities gives us the ability to plan for real growth over the

CORPORATE OBJECTIVES AND AIMS
The board have given deep consider-

ation to the future developments of the Group and have concluded that it is essential that we should have a broader operational base as well as developing the natural growth arising from our existing activities. Accordingly we have redefined our objectives and sims so that we can plan for the next few

Our objectives can be summarised as follows: To achieve a continuous improvement in profitability consistent with financial stability and an acceptable return on assets employed, but within the normal restraints borne by industrial enterprises. To give a high

To bring benefit to the areas in which our operational units are located by having financially viable establish-

standard of product, service and value.

Our main corporate aims will be: To broaden the product base of our mining machinery operations in order to develop a comprehensive worldwide machinery business in both coal and other forms of mining. To increase exports and foreign earnings throughout the Group. To seek acquisitions (both home and overseas) of reasonable size which will strengthen our existing or improve our market position. Such acquisitions will be in areas which will not depart from the Group's present type of business of mining and special-

ised engineering.

The Group has the financial strength to back these corporate plans and positive steps have been taken towards achieving our objectives.

A Mining and Specialised Engineering Group LONDON-NOTTINGHAM-WIGAN

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DECCA LIMITED

INTERIM REPORT

Half year to 30th September, 1976

The profits of the Group for the half year to 30th September 1976, based on unaudited accounts, are set out below compared with the corresponding period of 1975 and the year

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	Six months to 30th Sept 1976 £'080	Six months to 30th Sept 1975 £'000	Year to 31st March 1976 £'000
GROUP TURNOVER— Consumer Goods Capital Goods		39,000 39,300	81,800 88,200
TOTAL	85,300	78,300	170,000
TRADING PROFIT before charging Depreciation, Interest and Taxation, Less Depreciation and	9,816	9,174	21,131
Amortisation	2,870	2,509	4,901
PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST AND TAXATION	6, 946	6,665	16,230
Less Interest Payable (net)	1,447	1,226	2,635
PROFIT BEFORE TAXA- TION	5,499 3,100	5,439 2,875	13, <i>5</i> 95 7,490
PROFIT AFTER TAXA- TION	2,399	2,564	6,105
sidiaries	395	200	512
Onnelel insens and officer	2,004	2,364	5,593
Special items—net effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on net current assets	7	36	(226)
-expenditure on North Sea dry wells	_	_	(4)
-net cost of factory	<u> </u>	(130)	(228)
NET PROFIT ATTRIBU- TABLE TO DECCA LTD	2,011	2,270	<u>5,135</u>
and taxation are: Consumer Goods Capital Goods	750 6,196	2,043 4,622	5,769 10,461
	<u>6,946</u>	<u>6,665</u>	16,230

Turnover and profits from capital goods increased substantially compared with the corresponding period of last year. Profits from consumer goods were lower because of reduced TV sales and lower profitability from records. Profits for the six months do not include the group's share of the results of associated companies.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 3p per share (last year 2.7p) on the Ordinary and "A" Ordinary shares, each of 25p, to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 31st March 1977, payable on 29th April 1977, absorbing £564,290 (last year £507,861). The increased payment is intended to reduce the disparity between the interim and the final dividend.

Group pre-tax profits for the year to 31st March 1977 may be lower than for the previous year, mainly because of reduced profits from records and exceptional charges expected from an impending reorganisation of the U.S. radar company Colour TV is currently showing a modest surplus while the capital goods sector continues its growth in turn-over and profits.

8th February, 1977

BAGGERIDGE BRICK COMPANY LIMITED

The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of Baggeridge Brick Company Limited was held on 8th February at the Midland | Strength to strength man, The Hon. P. A. Ward, circulated with the Report and Accounts.

INCREASED PROFIT AND DIVIDEND

The profit before tax for the year ended 30th September, 1976 amounted to £303,176 compared with £230,102 for the previous year. After tax the profit was £144,520 compared to £107,961.

The Directors recommend the maximum dividend permitted of 8.3614%, which is an increase of 10% as compared with a rise in the retail index prices of 20%.

DEVELOPMENT AND MODERNISATION CONTINUES

Throughout the year the sale of bricks from all works was most satisfactory. Our development programme enabled our sales prices to remain competitive and in particular excellent results were achieved at the Hartlebury works following the building of

This policy of modernisation is being actively continued. At Baggeridge an old kiln is being replaced by a battery of new, all of which have been designed to produce more economically the high quality engineering bricks for which the Company is

THE FUTURE.

The economic crisis which is crippling this country is certain to affect building activity adversely in the coming year. Any advantage realised from our improvement schemes is bound to be offset by the expected slackening in demand for bricks coupled with alarming increases in fuel costs. Nevertheless every effort will be made by the Company to at least maintain its profit level.

On your behalf I express with gratitude our special thanks to all employed in the Company for their contribution to the greatly improved results achieved in the past year.

The Report and Accounts were adopted.

HOLDING LIMITED

Business: Plant Hire Specialists INTERIM STATEMENT HALF YEAR TO 30th SEPTEMBER

	£	£
Group Turnover	3,082,627	2,825,959
Unaudited Profit		
	964.050	010 508
before Taxation	864,959	913,587
Corporation Tax 52%	449,779	475,066
Group Profit	. —	<u>*************************************</u>
after Tax	415,180	438,521
		
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Cost of Dividend 128,700 107,250 (after waivers) Net The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of 3-575p per share which together with the Associated Tax Credit is equivalent to 5.5p per share (1975 5.5p per share). The Dividend is payable to those shareholders on the Register at the 25th February, 1977

and will be paid on the 7th March, 1977. Registered Office - Prospect Road, Starbeck, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Pause for thought but no panic

phase of the incomes policy dominate deentiment in equies and kept investors on the

modest progress.

With little support the FT Index was 6.6 lower by 11 am and, in spite of a minor rally in mid-afternoon, closed 5.2

dow to 392.3. The market was in no mood to react strongly to a cautious, but generally optimistic survey of industrial trends from the CBI and most interest centred on results from Imperial Group

The former produced figures much in line with expectations

Having climbed from 8p to 14p on Monday amid bid talk, secondary bank Corinthian Holdings eased in yesterday.
The company claims no knowledge for the rise. Last year,
Eagil Trust is believed to have been interested but was re-buffed. It denied any interest yesterday. One stake in Corinthian of 37½ per cent held by the liquidated CIT Investments was placed, partly lost yesterday. was placed, partly last year and partly last month. But apart from the Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust, now with 29.9 per cent, there was no single big buyer.

8p lower at 320p and BAT in lower ground.
Industries 5p to 250p, GKN 6p
to 306p and Tube Investments spot, losing 5p to sidelines. But falling interest 4p to 346p were others in re- P & O still bothered by rights rates helped gills to make treat. But there were stronger issue talk lost another 4p to performances from ICI, un-

changed at 345p, and Courtaulds which closed just a point down at 103p. In electricals, doubts raised by the Milgo offer left Racal 2p lower at 273p, GEC eased 3p to 189p against the background of cash aid for the Meriden cooperative, while International

Computers were lowered 7p to 185p. EMI closed 4p off at 221p. The long-awaited quarterly figures from De La Rue fulfilled most expectations and the shares shot up 25p to 285p. But the result did little for other

paper shares, Bowater 3p lower at 187p being typical.
In oils, BP was hit by overnight selling on Wall Street and sumped 18p to 912p. Shell 8p to 512p and Ultramar 5p to 153p

Worries about inflation and States selling and ahead of fig. British Home 4p to 154p and modest gains to gold shares, the potential threat to the next ures due soon. The shares closed Debenhams 2p to 73p, were left Faring better than most were

FMC proved to be a weak spot, losing 5p to 70p, while issue talk, lost another 4p to 131p. Duple International, where the chairman says a decision on a rights will be taken soon, were unmoved at

had a generally weak day with Lloyds off 8p to 200p, National Westminster 5p to 220p, Mid-land 4p to 263p and Barclays 2p to 250p. The discount houses convinued to react to adverse continued to react to adverse comment, notably Union, off 10p to 305p, and Alexanders 5p to 215p. Other shares well down were Schroders 10p to 300p. Guinness Peat 5p to 153p and Hambros 5p to 165p.

In insurances, Hambro Life In oils. BP was hit by overnight selling on Wall Street and sumped 18p to 912p. Shell 8p to 512p and Ultramar 5p to 133p were also in reverse, but Tricentrol put up a token resistance to the trend with a rise or 1p to 134p.

Sluegish retail sales figures
did little for stores issues at the outset. Most rallied but W

H Smith "A" 4p to 360p,

A firmer metal price brought

extremely difficult".

Mining machinery and engin-

the year to October 2 against a background of recession and

and management to cope with

expansion. Much depends on the expected upturn in the

economy and the impact of

Meanwhile demand for home

public expenditure curbs.

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per cent, there was n		Latest dividends					
hig buyer.			Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
]		und par value)	div	ago	date	total	year
and the shares shades		rest Nicholson (10p) Fin	2.28	1.64	_	2.98	2.27
at 75p, but Decca's	fire De	ecca (25p) Int	3.0*	2.7	29/4		9.53
warning chipped 5p	250_ PA	owty Group (50p) Int	1.98	1.8†	31/3	_	3.6 †
from the "A" shares.	- 1/1	rayton Inv (25p) Fin	4.6	4.0	1/4	6.0	5.4
	GI	lass & Metal (10p) Fin	2.75	2.5	2,'4	2.75	2.5
Long-dated gilts held	d steady H	awthorn, Leslie Fin	Nii	1.5	_	Na	1.5
after recovering early		nperial Group (25p) Fin	3.31	2.85	_	5.06	4.60
around five-eighths,	while Ma	ann & Overton (25p) Fin		2.17	_	3.42	3.11
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at 18p, down 1p.

Crest Nicholson over £1m and ready to expand

and leisure group rose 14 per

cent to £24m.

Mr D. L. Donne, chairman, says that in mixed trading, the property interests did excellently. Their profits more than doubled to £700,000.

Earnings a share went up from 2.94p to 5.08p, and the dividend is 4.59p against 3.49p The chairman adds that better turnover and profits came from the industrial side, but a

recovery in leisure has yet to appear in profits.

Crest now has no borrowings, against £4.5m two years ago. Its strong liquid position and confidence gives the group "a great chance to expand", Mr Donne says.

at Noble Grossart

A bumper profit was made Loss making Hawthorn by Noble Grossart in the year to January 1, 1977; and Mr Angus Grossart, managing director, sees every reason for confidence.

Pre-tax profits of this Edinburgh-based private banking group rose from £730,500 to E885,000. In September Mr Grossart said that profits would "comfortably in excess" of He adds that benefits of the

early commitment to oil and gas brings increasing benefits every year. Baking, investmet financing and corporate finance also did better. Sir Hugh Fraser resigned as

a director in November, after his 12½ per cent stake was placed with institutions.

Comalco has strong final quarter

Sydney.—Production of bauxite and primary aluminium at Australia's Comalco rose strongly in the final quarter of 1976 from a year earlier.

Comalco said that total bauxite output last year rose 100,201 tonnes from a year ago to 9.64m tonnes.

to 9.64m tonnes. Bauxite production in the final quarter was 47.7 per cent higher than in the same months of 1975. It rose from 1.7m

tonnes to 2.5m. Overseas shipments bauxite dropped slightly to 9,059,324 tonnes in 1976 from

9.1m a year earlier.
Comalco added that its primary aluminium output rose from 137,544 tonnes in 1975 to 160,498 last year at its

In its best year since 1973 smelter in Tasmania, and from the pre-tax profits were a its half share at the Bluff modity prices fluctuated dramapushed them up 25 per cent to 21.2m in the year to October 31. Turnover of this property cent to 42,049 tonnes.

Stewart Plastics starts well

Stewart Plastics continues to go from strength to strength. Last year's 10 per cent rise to record pre-tax profits of £1.21m pales before a 38 per cent increase to £709,000 in the six **Dobson Park in** months to October 31.

This first-half record reflec-ted a turnover gain of 37 per good trim cent to £2.56m.
It also included £3,000 from

the sale of assets and £113,500, against £80,000, of interest The board has reverted to a policy of paying both interim and final dividends. So shareholders will receive an interim of 1.54p gross, against a single

misses dividend

Turnover rose usefully from to June 30, last, at R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie, the ship-builder and engineer. But so did the pre-tax loss. This swelled from £252,000 to £271,000. Even more ominously, there is no dividend against

2.31p gross last time. Hawthorn did make a trading profit of £170,000, but it was a shadow of the £308,000 of the year before. This time round, the provision for possible losses on work in progress fell from £314,000 to only £8,000, but development spending jumped from £241,000 to

Tough trading no bar to Saville Gordon

Tough markets did not stop the pre-tax profits of J. Saville Gordon Group, the Birmingham-based metal and engineers' merchants, from improving by 16 per cent to £451,836 in the first half-year to October 31, 1976. Turnover rose by 32 per

cent to £12.51m.

The gross interim dividend duly rises from 0.53p (adjusted) to 0.61p. Last year's total was 2.01p and it was paid after record pre-tax profits of record pre-tax profits of £867,884. In his annual statement in

September, Mr J. D. Saville, chairman, said that he was confident that, given reasonable conditions, group profits would once again be improved.

Now, he says that during the Sunderland and Waveney are raising £1m apiece.

M&S export aim

Marks & Spencer is aiming for exports of £100m a year

business tough. On the other hand world-wide prospects for increased coal production offer opportunities for exports of mining machinery. Overseas demand for other products, particularly the Kango hammer and Petite typewriter, is also "very encouraging".

Meat Trade Suppliers

Meat Trade Suppliers ended the half-year to September 30 virtually where it began. Turn-over was £4.46m, against £4.27m, and pre-tax profits were £201,000, against £202,000.

The gross interim payment drops from 5.38p to 5p, but the board states that this does not necessarily indicate the year's total will be less than that for the year before. The group covers meat and allied

Local authorities

The interest rate on this week's issue of local authority bonds has slipped from 12 per cent to 11½ per cent. The biggest borrower is Glasgow with £2m, while Cleveland, Iskington, Macclesfield, Reading, Sunderland and Waveney are raising £1m apiece.

Mears' prospects bright Alcan (UK) in grou phas the financial strength and ability to benefit from the

Civil engineering and build-ing group Mears Bros, which turned in record taxable profits of £917,000 in the year to lie ahead. end-September, believes it is On 1975-76, he says that now stronger than ever before. despite inflation, increased Mr A. K. L. Stephenson, chair-difficulties in obtaining work man, writes that the ratio of borrowings to shareholders' funds has been significantly reduced over the last two years from 1.46:1 to 0.34:1.

challenging opportunities that

and other problems in the industry, Mears Construction achieved substantially improved results, particularly in civil en-gineering. Meanwhile work in Continued expansion over-seas will call for increased in-vestment, he adds, but the ing divisions is at a good level.

Bank statements

Statements of the London Clearing Banks and their banking subsidiaries in England and Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man made up to January 19 are summarized in the table below :

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£16m rebound from red

A turnround from a loss of £5.9m to a pre-tax profit of £10m is reported by Alcan Aluminium (UK) for 1976. This is after provision for a possible ex-change loss of £2.2m compared with £1.3m. With a recovery in demand for aluminium, the directors say that that past year has been one of gradual progressive improvement after the deep recession of 1975.

Turnover in 1976 was up 43 per cent to £227m and sales volume increased 22 per cent. Direct exports from Britain Costs rose rapidly during the year from inflation and the

impact of devaluation on the cost of imported materials. The return to profitability was achieved, the directors add, by a combination of increased volume and a "moddest" improvement in margins. Mean-while 1977 has started with a good order-book at home and steadily improving export

West Driefontein, up 50p to 514.25 and Western Holdings

75p to £11.75. Gelden Rope were at a firm 80p after the lapsing of the Genting offer. In after-hour trading, move ments were narrowly mixed. Some industrial leaders edged ahead and Racal showed little

The market suspects that control of pharmaceutical group, Willows Francis will soon change hands. The word is that Churitreten a Swiss company with more than 30 per cent of the equity, will soon offer terms. Mr A. J. Cornforth, chairman. is also a director of Churfirsten. But no Willows director was available for comment last night. The shares rose 5p to 63p, up 11p in two

change after news of the new offer for Milgo. Banks and insurance gained ground, but oils eased further.

Royco's sale of its 410,000 shares in Lampa Securities could tip the scales in favour of its maintaining its dividend this vear for a prospective yield, at 18p, of 17 per cent. The £150,000 profit Royco will show on the deal should lift the dividend cover to a more acceptable level. Royco closed

Equity turnover on February 7 was £61.29m (16,188 bargains). Active stocks vesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, ICI, BAT Dfd, BP, Burmah, BAT Ind, Rank, P & O, Lonrho, Imperial Group, GKN. GEC. Beecham, Distillers, Gus "A". Racal, Serck, Lucas, Booker Bros, Tecalemit and De

export director, said that exports in 1976 were 524m and

the target for this year is £40m. To mark its contribution to the United Kingdom's exports, M & S will be putting on displays throughout the country to mark its part in

The engineers merchants and steel stockholding companies also experienced tough times. They traded against a back-Export Year. ground of industry working well below capacity and government restrictions on capital at Johnnies spending.

Reporting pre-ta

Reporting pre-tax profits down from R18.02m to R16.35m for the half year to December 31. Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Trust (" Johnnies ") explains that higher receipts of eering group Dobson Park In-dustries, which put up pre-tax profits 13 per cent to 59.08m in share-dealing profits and the share-dealing profits and the first provision for amortisation

sterling crises, faces another of the mining assets of Otjihase. challenging year.

But Mr C. F. Ward, the incoming chairman, believes that first-half's results will be the group now has the structure repeated in the second half. The board also says that it repeated in the second half. Pre-tax profits for the year to June, 1976, were R36.98m. An unchanged 40 cents a share dividend was declared in Tanuary.

mining machinery is not so good. The associated company in Germany is also finding Cattle's-Provident

The directors of Cattle's Holdings, fighting to stave off an unwelcome bid from the Provident Financial Group, will be sending out their formal rejection of Provident's 32p a share offer today.

Mr Roy Waudby, chairman said: "Our feeling is that in its present form, Provident's offer is a non-starter. And we are sure shareholders will agree when they see our document."

De La Rue's wallet full of banknotes

By Richard Allen The shares in De La Rue, Formica subsidiary the banknote printer, leapt showed signs of recoverahead on news of third quarter first quarter is still having profits more than film above most market expectations.

In the three months to December 31, pre-tax profits of £6.35m were more than twice those of the same period the year before. Sales were 34 per cent up at

Total profits for the first three quarters were £14.76m against E5.3m last time and total sales were 38 per cent better at

The breakthrough stemmed lar are still proving largely form the banknote and security pirnting division which helped to hoist export sales 59 per cent to £16.3m. De La Rue £1.3m for the three mon does not give details of £6.4m against £2.2m individual contracts but it is three quarters. Earr thought that this division is curshae for the nine mont rently benefiting from one Far Eastern banknote order worth

But the 60 per cent culties after the relapse second three months. reflected in a minority of £20,000 compared with debit of £204,000 for t three-quarters.

The group reports tha tions in Australia an Zealand have proved larly sluggish though the now signs that markets a

ing up. Europe and Spain in After tax of 52.7m minority credit attr earnings were £2.75m 37p against 14.1p after ment for the rights is

Mann & Overton surpris with 74pc profit leap

The climbing shares in Mana & Overton got further support yesterday when the London taxithan-expected results for the year to October 31.

News of 27 News of a 74 per cent jump

to a pre-tax profit of £927,000 added 5p to the shares bringing them to 78p, a 13p rise in a Part of the interest in the group centres on the relation- mor ship with Winn Industries, for.

and the dividend mov 4.78p to 5.26p gross, il mum. In July, the board for significant improvem profits, but a second b

more than dealers b

Margins dip at P. Brotherhood

With tehe order book showing signs of improvement, Peter Brotherhood has finished the a six months to September 30 with a pre-tax profit 17 per cent up at £490,000. Turnover rose 59 per cent to £7.2m pointing to a fall in margins from 9.23 per cent to 6.76 per cent.

The board of this machinery and power plant maker says that turnover is influenced by delivery dates of individual

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for Golden Hope had day after the Harrison: sian Estates share swfor Golden Hope, Asiatic Rubber and and Pataling Rubber had gone unconditional. Genting, however, it to decide what to do:
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Firm indications at end of half-y

26 week period ended 30th Oct. 1976 25th Oc £5,798,000 Consolidated trading profit

before taxation (Note 1) 507,000 279,000 Taxation (Note 2)

Consolidated profit after taxation £228,000 (Figures subject to year-and andit)

NOTES

1) The consolidated trading profit before taxation is after charging depreciation of 1
(1975 £152,000).

2) The provision for taxation has been calculated at 52 %, on the trading profit for the adjusted for taxation purposes. "The results for the first 26 weeks are slightly less than th corresponding period last year, due principally to a redu orders from the N.C.B. in the first 13 weeks, which also c the summer holidays. The second 13 weeks recovered to record turnover which continues at that level with a firm indication of a further advance on new designed product [42]

Your Directors are continuing for the time being the pol-

A. Snipe--Ch



Extracts from Chairman's Statement and Annual Report

£916,000 profit before tax considerably exceeds anything previously achieved by the company.

paying a final dividend only."

* Mears Construction Ltd has achieved substantially improved results. Work in hand for 1977 at a satisfactory level and recent contract awards will lay foundation for continuity of work over next 2-3

Ltd., continue to grow at substantial rate. All divisions trading at high level * In the Middle East A. Long International has doubled profits in the last year. Confidence that increased investment in management and

* Turnover and profits of A. Long & Co.

* Mears International currently tendering for major contracts in Iraq and lower Gulf area, Expected that award of contracts in near future will compensate for any reduction in U.K. construction activity.

facilities will be well rewarded.

★ Hope that Mears Developments Ltd will beable shortly to announce award of overseas contracts for their pre-fabricated housing systems.

🗱 Group is well managed and, as Balance Sheet shows, has financial strength and ability to take advantage of challenging and rewarding opportunities.

Yearended 30th Sept. 1976 1975 5000 5000 46,067 41,936 Salient figures: Group turnover Group profit before tax and extraordinary item 916 806 Group profit after tax before extraordinary items Surplus on revaluation of property 373 less provision for taxation Suphus on disposal of M.B. Dredging Co. Ltd. Interim Dividend 539

Earnings per share based on group profitation tax, before extraordinary items Shareholders funds Deferred taxation Loans and other finance Bank overdrafts

Proposed Dividend

Fixed assets: Properties Plant and equipment

Net current assets

6,629 Mears Bros. Holdings Limited

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C LA PRINCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

OW Glass & Metal ascends its fourth peak in a row share of the year legislation. They have also issued share capital consists as the year legislation. They have also issued share capital consists 350,000 ordinary shares of

expected at half time id Metal Holdings has another record. Turn-the year to October 31, 11.45 per cent to but pre-tax profits by 21 per cent to Eavings a share went 8.1p to 10p, and the 8.1p to 10p, and the idend rises from 3.84p

the fourth peak profit from Glass and Metal, plastics and engineerpoard said in July that trading profit should satisfactory increase". the shares slipped by

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rman says that these be property investsince the year-end has bought £300,000 ir Gas Stock 1990-95. xion rates almost cothose of the group's

? recovering is under way at the clothing group. It m pre-tax profits of losses of £140,000 in

September 25, it made profits before tax of £102,000. Those went against only £15,000 in the first half of the year before.

Turnover went up from £7.48m to £9.11m. Bur shareholders will get an unchanged gross interim dividend of 0.49p.

Cash call decision coming from Duple

Mr Gordon Hay, chairman, told the annual meeting that the coachbuilding division of the group has a full order book for the rest of the financial year. Given a clear run, profitability should increase to the levels already budgeted.

On the engineering side the

levels already budgeted.

On the engineering side the Greenbank and Muschamp subsidiaries had an order book which should ensure a profit, while the Barrow Engineering and J. B. Hyde subsidiaries should show "considerable profitability".

Mr Hay added that rights issue had been thoroughly discussed with the group's advisors and he hoped a decision would be reached within the next two or three weeks.

next two or three weeks. Subsequently the board should be in a position to make a more definitive announce-ment "in about two months' time".

Booker McConnell

Now that Booker McConnell has bought Kinloch (Provision Merchants), the retail business of Kinloch—Murdoch Norton and Rusts—is to operate as part of Booker McConnell's retail food business. This is Booker Belmont Retail, whose chief executive is Mr G. R. Green. Mr J. A. Emeny, at present managing director of Murdoch Norton and Rusts, becomes

Belhaven real ale booster

A 50 per cent increase in production capacity is planned by real ale producer Belhaven Brewery to lift its potential to 15 million pints annually by 1979. Sales at the brewery, near Ediphysics at the brewery, near Edinburgh, rose by 43 per cent in 1976 against a national aver-age increase in sales for the brewing industry of only 1.65 per cent. Sales continue to go

well.
Finance for the expansion of what is now Scotland's only re-maining independent real ale producer will come from profits allied to the sale of low-yielding properties and the conver-sion of existing short-term loans into medium-term finance.

The expansion marks the

final phase in the reorganiz-ation of the activities of its parent company CCE Invest-

Aluminium Corp

Last year, Aluminium Cor-Last year, Aluminium Corporation's sales grew from £5.23m to £6.68m, but pre-tax profits bounded from £38,000 to £706,000. The gross dividend goes up from £53p to £99p.
Aluminium Corporation is controlled by British Aluminium, which recently made an offer for the minorium offer for the minority.

Gulf Oil improves

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Earnings of Gulf Oil Corporation on an unaudited basis rose by 16.6 per cent during 1976 to \$816m (£476m) or \$4.19 per share, representing the second highest

A thousand

Singer memo

on C'Anstalt

Singer & Friedlander has

sent a memorandum to 1,100 banks around the world in an

attempt to explain the case it has been pursuing through the courts against Creditanstalt-

Bankverein, Austria's biggest

The dispute revolves around

non payment of \$20.7m by

Creditanstalt under the terms of three letters of credit held by a banking consortium led by

The issue is regarded as of fundamental importance to the future conduct of trade financing through letters of credit,

and is seen as a vital test case. Singer says that its memor-andum is being sent out partly

in response to one put our last year by Creditanstalt, and

partly because new evidence

has been disclosed in the

course of court proceedings in

Creditanstalt's decision not to

Creditanstalt is unlikely to

response. Dr Otto Finster-

accept the memorandum with

walder, of the bank's inter-national operations, said last night that the bank was con-sidering whether to send a

reply to those banks closest to

He said that the previous memorandum had been sent in

response to one from Moscow

Narodny Bank, a member of the Singer consortium.

He criticized the

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The memorandum disputes both the main reasons for

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banks get

By Christopher Wilkins

earnings in the company's his-tory. Revenue for the year increased 15 per cent to a record \$18,440m.

Anglo-African Finance In the half-year to July 19, 1976, pre-tax profits of Anglo-African Finance Co reached £148,000, compared with £237,000 for the previous year.

Anglo-African has increased its holdings in Dent Fownes by purchases in the market and now owns 44.5 per cent of the equity.

The Textile Investment Co,

in which Anglo-African has a substantial interest, also owns 26.98 per cent. The board of Dent Fownes have forecast an interim dividend in May, 1977, and will recommend a final dividend in January, 1978, or thereabouts, totalling 8.4 per cent, net, for year, the maxi-

change the name of the com-pany to Dewhurst and Dent. The Anglo-African board is extending the next accounting period to July 19, 1977, in line with Dent Fownes' year-end.

Romai Tea and

Majuli Tea to merge Romai Tea Holdings and Majuli Tea Holdings have reached agreement on terms for reached agreement on terms for a merger, to be implemented by Romai making an offer to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of Majuli (other than the shares which it already owns) on the following basis: for every 10 ordinary shares of £1 of Majuli, seven shares of £1 of Romai £1 of Romai. Romai holds 32,500 ordinary

issued share capital consists of 350,000 ordinary shares of £1

Jaycee Furniture

Largest United Kingdom period-style furniture maker and exporter Jaycee Furniture, Brighton, had a record turnover of £6.57m (up 10 per cent on 1975), and present profits of 1975) and pre-tax profits of £561,603 for the year ended September 30, 1976. These were 17 per cent up. Exports increased by 6.7 per cent to E3.67m. The chairman and managing director, Dr Clive Cohen, regards the figures as particu-larly good in view of both sterling devaluation, which in-creased his imported raw materials costs, and sluggish demand from most markets during the first eight months of 1976.

Borough of Torbay

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have been selected for redemption on March 15, 1977 (\$3,000,000 principal amount date:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture through operation of the mandatory Sinking Fund and \$3,000,000 principal dated as of March 15, 1971 providing for the above Debentures, said Debentures amount through operation of the optional Sinking Fund) at the redemption price aggregating \$6,000,000 principal amount bearing the following serial numbers of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said

DEBENTURES OF \$1,000 EACH

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3F, the electronics Thomson-Brandt rurnover for 1976 about 20 per cent 0m, 5,300m francs

Overseas

ramme suffered a for 1975. Consolidated turnover (excluding telephone switch-gear sales) totalled about 6,200m francs, compared with 5,300m, an increase of 17 per

cent.
The group said that its industrial investment amounted to 270m francs in 1976. Financial investment came to 580m francs, thanks chiefly to Thomson's acquisition of a 50.2 per cent stake in the capital of Le Materiel Telephonique.—AP-

Record final quarter income taxes were spared with \$241.1m. at General Motors

Thanks chiefly to higher volume and changes in product mix General Motors' fourth sales and earnings. Other factors

improved efficiency in all areas, says Mr Thomas Murphy, chairman. Earnings a share in the quarter rose fom \$2.14 to \$2.77 and net profits from \$618m to \$797m on sales up from \$10,500m to \$13,100m.

For the full year earnings a share were \$10.08 against \$4.32 and net profit \$2,900m com-pared with \$1,300m on sales up from \$35,700m to \$47,200m.

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Euromarkets

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public subscription on February 16-22 a 5.5 per cent 15-year bond issue of 50 million Swiss francs, Union Bank of Switzer-land, which is leading the

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the net proceeds of the issue will be added to the develop-ment fund of the Republic of

Korea seeks \$50m

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The price of issue will be published on February 16 and

document on a number of points of fact. He disputed Singer's claim that an Austriau court had dismissed an action by Creditanstalt, contending that it only involved a question of reference to another court.

underwriting consortium, dis-

Singapore plans to offer for

New Zealand in 75m florin placing

Amsterdam.—New Zealand plans a private placing of 8 per cent six year Euroflorin notes to a maximum of 75m florins, priced at 991 per cent.

It will be handled by a Syndicate headed by Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank NV, S. G. Warburg Co Ltd, Commerzbank AG, as well as Algemene Bank Nederland NV, Bank Mees en Hope, and Pierson Heldring en Pierson NV, Amrobank said.

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chairman of Bass Export, a new company formed by Bass Char-rington. Mr John Turner is to be managing director and Mr D. I. MacLeod financial director. Mr M. E. Hazell has become managing director of Sterling Hydraulics and Sterling Dynamics. Mr Elwin Smith has been ap-pointed president of Amax Iron Ore Corporation. He succeeds Mr

Dexter Walcott. Mr J. D. Windrow, Mr Paul A. Cohen, Mr Ronald Geesey, Mr Roger Baum and Mr Peter Munson, have been made director of

Citibank Financial Trust. Mr Fred Smith has been appoin-ted managing director of Balteau Sonatest, succeeding Mr William

Henderson, who has regired but remains a director. Mr N. Jones joins the board of Stanneylands Group. Mr S. H. Noar has resigned.

Mr P. E. Beekman has been appointed a director and elected president and a member of the executive committee of Seagram. Mr G. T. Cantlay has been appointed chairman of United Capitals Investment Trust in succession to the late Lord Brecon. Mr Bernard Cryseli has joined Project Pilots as managing direc-

Mr T. H. James has joined the boards of Wigham Poland Inter-national and Wigham Poland North America. He will be chief execu-tive of Wigham Poland North

Mr John Watson has become chairman of Cristic Electronics.

Mr E. G. Libby succeeds Mr W. S. Hersham as chairman of RKT Textiles. Mr P. R. Clayton, chairman and managing director of Guy Butler (International), has been elected chairman of the Foreign Exchange

and Currency Deposit Brokers'

Association.

Mr W. A. Airey has been appointed chairman and chief exe-cutive of Weeks Associates. Mr David McClure Fisher been named director of management services and to the board of Hogg Robinson Services.

Payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the above Debentures. Morgan Vonwiller S.p.A. in Milan and Rome; Bank Mees & Hope N.V. in Amsterwith coupons due March 15, 1978 and subsequent coupons attached at the main offices of any of the following: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street. New York, New York 10015: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt am Main, London, Paris and Zurich; Banca

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15, 1977 should be detached and collected in the usual manner. On and after March 15, 1977 interest shall cease to accrue on the Debentures selected for redemption.

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The following Debentures previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment:

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

MANK XEROX ean Iranian investment and agreement provides for direct Iranian participation in the development of Rank Xerox busi-ness in Iran. No financial details

Briefly

BANK LEUMI (UK) Net profit for 1976, £229,000 (£223,000).

Redman Heenan International. has bought PVH Engineering of Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, for a small, but undisclosed sum. A smail, but intrisciosed sum. A privately-owned company with a unmover of about fim, PVH's activities include the design and manufacture of dust control, fume removal, air conditioning, ventila-tion and mechanical handling equipment.

GATEWAY SECURITIES W. Greenwell has sold for an associate of West of England Trust, 15,000 "A" ord in Gateway Secs at 64p each.

C.H. INDUSTRIALS Capel-Cure Myers has sold 10,000 shares in C.H. Industrials at 28p each for Spey Investments, an associate of C.H. Industrials.

ARMOUR TRUST Accounts to April 30, 1976, should be published within a month. At the same time, board intends publishing the unaudited results to Oct 31, 1976.

DAVID DIXON Board notified that 334,500 ord (16.35 per cent) bought for Mr Malcolm Horsman, 6 The Grove, Highgate, N6.

KULIM (MALAYSIA) Johore State Economic Development Corpn has bought further shares in Kulim (Malaysia), Berhad, bring its total direct holding to 30.15m shares (43.67 per cent). In addition, through its 40 per cent holding in Eastern Plantation Agency (Johore). Johore Corpn is interested in a further 1.55m Kulim shares (2.3 per cent). per cent).

INCO PREFERRED SHARES INCO PREFERRED SHARES

Toronto, February 7.—Inco is arranging through Wood Gundy of Toronto to sell 10m preferred shares to a limited number of Canadian institutional investors for \$250m (US). The preferred shares will have a cumulative floating rate dividend, calculated quarterly, equal to half of the Canadian prime rate and 12 per cent. It will be retractable at the option of the holder in ten years and redeemable at the option of the company after three. company after three.

AIRFLOW-MINSTER Airflow Streamlines has been told that the interest of Minster Assets in the ordinary share capital of Airflow is now 355,000 (13.79 per cent) shares. The interest previously notified was 17.28 per cent.

Revenue (after tax) of Drayton Premier Investment Trust rose from £1.76m to £1.88m in 1976. Gross payment goes up from 8.3p to 9.24p. DRAYTON PREMIER F. & C. EUROTRUST

Pre-tax profit for half-year to December 31, £44,200 (£17,500) after interest of £18,000 (£100). McCAIRN'S MOTORS

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Foreign Exchange

67.95-68.15; July-Sept. 68.80-Oct-Dec, 70.26-72.36. Sales,

Sterling and the dollar generally erased their early losses in Europe although the British currency received official support after further selling sparked by inflation worries, dealers said.

The pound closed at \$1.7160, up 0.15 cents on the day. Its "effective devaluation" was unchanged at 42.8 per cent. Eurosterling and forward sterling were steadier, after the pound's discount in dollar terms retreated sharply in early dealings reflecting the sharp spurt in the United Kingdom wholesale price index for January.

Pressure was diverted on to forward sterling because of the Bank of England's relatively strict intervention stance around the spot

tervention stance around the spot currency, dealers said.

The six-month sterling dollar discount moved up to 605 basis points at one stage, before steadying at 580 later.

The dollar's late gain was aided by profit-taking in European currencies and stability later in daytoday Eurodollar interest rates.

Cold closed at \$134.375, unchanged from yesterday. Spot Position of Sterling

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Discount market Money remained very short yesterday. The houses repaid huge loans to the Bank of England and re-borrowed a great part of them once again at the end of the day. Things started rather slowly, with interbank rates around 122 per cent, keeping money out of reach of the houses for a time, but rates eased to around 12 per cent, and the houses then started to pick up balances fairly steadily. After the hein, however, the

After the help, however, the flow dried up dramatically, leaving a tight situation in which houses mostly ruled off around 11-12 per cent. while interbank soared up to 15 per cent at one stage.

Bill dealers reported quiet con-ditions, with the rate on "hot" Treasury bills holding 113-5/32 per Treasury bills holding 11;-5/32 per cent.

The bank's programme of assistance comprised exceptionally large loans at MLR oversight to 10 or 11 houses, purchases of a very large quantity of Treasury bills from banks and houses, purchases of a very small amount of local authority bills from houses alone, along with a small amount of "eligible" bank bills.

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कार भागकर छन्। यस्त्रीक प्राक्षकरीक Wall Street

New York, Feb 8.—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed mostly lower after giving up moderate early gains.
The Dcw Jones industrial average was down 4.07 points to 942.24. Volume totalled 24.04 million shares, up from 20.70 million shares on Monday.

shares on Monday.

Analysts attributed the early gain largely to selective buying in depressed issues. They also noted some buying on a let-up in the severe winter in some areas.

But they added that the market declined under the weight of exdeclined under the weight of ex-pected ill effects of the severe winter on profits this summer and on consumer spending.-AP-Dow

Gold again closes lower

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New York, Feb 8.—Gold fatures closed lower in active trading in a continuation of a downtrend established early in the session. NY COMEX: Feb. 5.35.10: March. 5135.50: Agr. 125.60: June 5136.60: June 5136.60: Sept. 513.50: June 5136.60: July 462.90: Sept. 513.70: June 5136.60: July 462.90: July 462.90

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Turnover is influenced by delivery dates of individual contracts and does not reflect the level of activity in the The order book, although remaining short, is showing

signs of improvement.

The loss sustained by Melford Engineering in the six months ended September 30, 1976 is shown above. The company's share-holding in Melford has been sold with effect from December 31, 1976 and the loss resulting from that transaction (approximately £80,000) will be written off against profits of the six months ending March 31, 1977. It is the Directors' intention to continue their practice of giving their estimate of the year's result, when they amounce the interim dividend in April.

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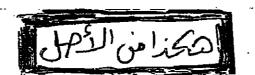
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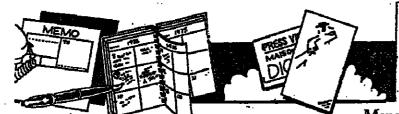


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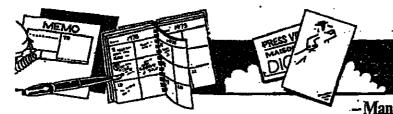
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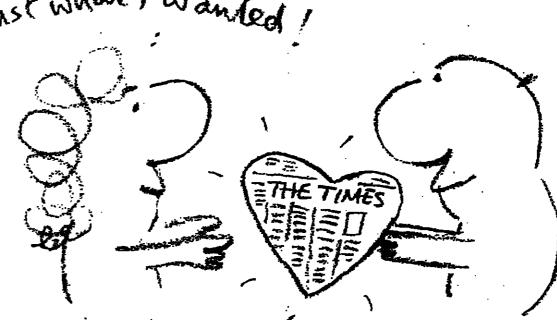
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HANCOCK.—On 2nd February, at U.C.H. to Cordella and Rupert—a daughter (Elizabeth). Both well and at home.

HUNT.—On February 5th., at University.

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SMEED.—On February 7th, at the Clinique Spontini. Paris, to Marie-Laure, and David—a daughter (Annabel, Anne-Calterine Dorothy).

TROTTER.—On Feb. 7th, at The Western General Hospital Edinburgh, to Julia and Alexandar Trotter.—Son. Trotter.—Son. Trotter.—On Feb. 5th, at Queen Caption's, W.6. to Sara (nee Farytson) and Malcolm—a son (William James).

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Gore Amsworth, mother of Joan
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BUGLER.—On Feb 1st, peacefully,
in hospital, at Rockhampion, Aus-

in hospital, at Rockhampton, Australia, Dalsy, widow of Frank Busic, both formerly of Upminster, Essex.

BUSSELL—On 7th Feb, 1977, at the Margaret Anne Nursing Home, Worthing, Mary Windired (Jo), aged 92, widow of Froderick William Bussell, Master of Brasenose College and last surviving daughter of the late Sir Pobert and Laty Obbdin, Crematerion at Downs Crematerium, Brighton, at 5,50 p.m., Fidday, 11th Feb.

CHARRINGTON.—On 8th February, 1977. peacefully at home at Bay Tree House, Aston Rowant, Oxford, Elizabeth Mary, beloved wife of Sir John Charrington. Family Inneral: No letters by request.

COBE.—On February 7th, 1977. peacefully in his 35th year, the Hon Sir John Francis Scott, of The Priory, Follifoot, near Harrogale. Everioved husband of Joan and father of Sarah, Cathorine. Jonathan and Stephen. Cremation private. Memorial service to be announced later. Donations may be sent to the Melcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, 6 Sydney Street, London Swy 56P.

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and the 52nd year of ner profession.

MASH.—On February Sth, al Cheltenham, as a result of an accident, Lt-Col G. H. Nash, O.S.E., late 16th Punjsh Regiment. Cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium, on Saturday. Letter February Smith, & Co. Ltd., 74 Presthory Road, Cheltenham, PARES.—On 4th Feb. peacefully, at her Hampstrad home. Bip Pares, F.R.G.S. loving mother of Bonzawy. Family cremation.

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